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By ERNEST WILLIAMS
Executive Secretary

THE NWGA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THE PROPOSED National Wool Act, its provisions for industry "self help," and activation of the industry's lamb promotion plan were the highlights at the meeting in Flagstaff, Arizona, of the Executive Committee, National Wool Growers' Association. Ray W. Willoughby, San Angelo, NWGA president, presided. It was followed by a meeting of the Council of Directors of the American Wool Council.

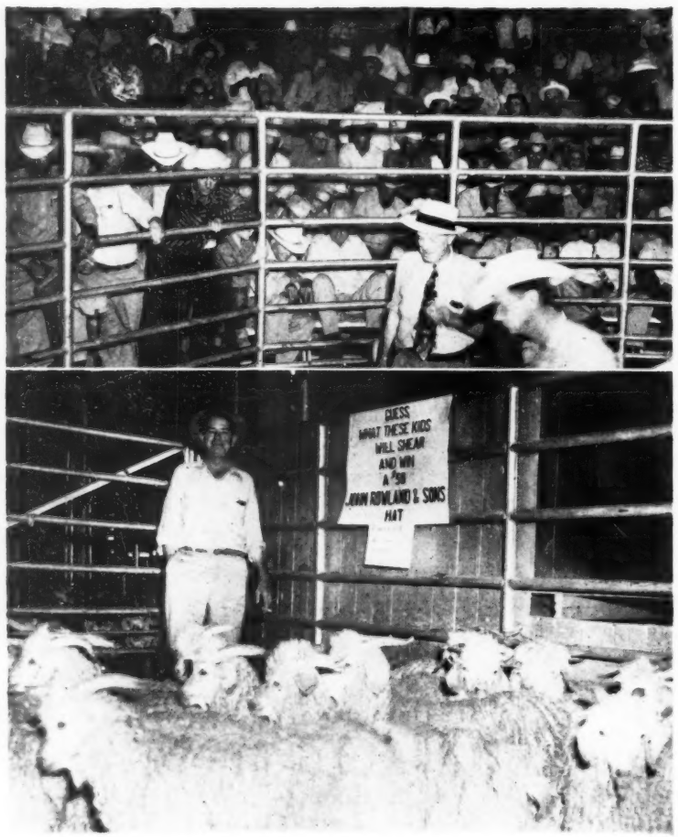
Main discussion was on the various provisions of the proposed National Wool Act with particular emphasis on its Section 8 – the self help provision for advertising and promotion of wool, mohair and lamb, and a plan for carrying out these activities. President Willoughby was directed to appoint a committee to get the proposal worked out and to petition the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into an agreement with a non-profit corporation to be established by the National Wool Growers Association and the National Wool Marketing Corporation.

This corporation would be known as the United States Lamb and Wool Stabilization Board consisting of ten grower representatives, the Executive Secretary of the National Wool Growers' Association and the general manager of the National Wool Marketing Corporation. The grower representatives would be selected on a regional basis. Texas would supply two of these representatives.

After an agreement is reached between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Board, the Secretary is requested to call a referendum, as provided in Section 8 of the National Wool Act, for grower approval of the plan and immediately upon grower approval provide the necessary funds to activate the fund. Two-thirds of the producers of wool or producers of two - thirds of the wool must approve the plan before it can be put into operation. The operating funds for the Board would be deducted from the incentive payments due the growers by the government.

All these plans are tentative as the Agriculture bill, of which the National Wool Act is a part, has not passed the Senate at this writing (July 27), but most reports from Washington indicate that it probably will pass.

Representing the TS&GRA at this meeting were President Walter Pfluger, Secretary Ernest Williams, and Steve Stumberg. These three also attended the American Wool Council meeting at which Max Schmitt, new Wool Bureau president, explained the new consumer advertising campaign soon to start. W. H. Steiwar, Fossil, Oregon, is president of the American Wool Council. Stumberg is a director of the Wool Bureau.



RICHARDSON HOLDS HOT BUCK SALE
(Top)

Ranchman Jack Richardson of Uvalde, July 31, held one of the fastest Angora goat sales ever held in Texas. The offering in the Uvalde Livestock Sales ring of 205 head of various aged Angora bucks, none of which had registration papers, was eagerly accepted to the last goat. The average was a few cents under $30 per head, or a gross of $8,032. Adolf Stieler of Comfort paid $1,189.50 for 38 head; George Raney, Uvalde, paid $885 for 15 head. The top sold for $270 to Dan Lehmberg of Mason. Pete Gulley was the auctioneer.

KIDS SHEAR MORE THAN FIVE POUNDS
(Bottom)

Prior to the buck sale, Jack Richardson offered a $50 hat to the one who came closest in guessing the shorn weight of mohair from 25 head of range Angora buck kids, some of which were not over five months of age. Many ranchmen participated but Milton Padget of Utopia won the hat with a guess of 5 1/8 pounds average. Each buck actually averaged 5.12 pounds.

LAMB PROMOTION

The formative period for the lamb promotion program planned last winter seems to be over. The NWGA Lamb Promotion Committee was instructed by the Executive Committee to hire the necessary key men and to put the program into operation as soon as practicable. Well over half of the proposed promotion budget has been raised.

Brett Gray, Secretary of the Colorado Wool Growers Association, was appointed to the promotion committee by President Willoughby. His office in Denver will become headquarters for this very important work.

As outlined in earlier issues of the Sheep and Goat Raiser, the Lamb Promotion Committee through the specialist whom they are now seeking will try mainly to widen the distribution areas of lamb in order to facilitate movements in periods of heavy supply and to develop new outlets as rapidly as the total supply of lamb permits. It will work hand in hand with the National Livestock and Meat Board and supervise the spending of a special lamb fund of $27,000.00 now with the Meat Board. The committee will co-operate closely with the National Restaurant Association, state and federal agencies, all state wool growers associations and especially with the Chain Store Association, whose Texas branch did such an effective job promoting lamb during Texas Lamb Week in May.

This Lamb Promotion Committee is made up of sheep men who believe in the product they produce. They are giving lots of time and money to this program. They certainly deserve the co-operation of all Texas lamb producers to the extent of giving them 2c per head on lambs they raise to help finance the project.

SHEEP AND GOAT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The first meeting of the newly organized Sheep and Goat Improvement Committee with a committee from the A & M College is set for early August. The meetings' recommendations will be carried next month.

MEXICAN LABOR

The following letter should be of direct interest to all who use Mexican Nationals and of indirect interest to all ranchers who hire ranch hands from any source.

By way of explanation, S-3660 and S-3661 are the two bills recently introduced in the Senate by Senator Arthur Watkins (R-Utah) at the request of the Attorney General. Briefly, they would make it illegal to hire an alien and provide for seizure of a car if one was found in it.

R. W. Hodge, Chairman, Mexican Labor Committee, was unable to attend the hearings on these two bills and at his request, W. B. Wilson, a committee member, appeared at the hearings in Washington July 14 representing the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

The following letter is Mr. Wilson's report to Mr. Hodge following his return from Washington:

"I have just returned from Washington where I appeared before Senator Watkins' Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, July 14, at 10 o'clock.

"My oral statement followed fairly closely the contents of the written statement, which I presume you have already received.

"The gist of my testimony was that I opposed S-3660 and S-3661 because there was no adequate system of processing wetbacks as ranch labor at the present time as there was not a continuous program in effect, and that for a great portion of the year we were unable to preselect men, and that if we were prevented from using wetbacks as supplemental help during the time that we could not get process men, we would be without any source of labor for a considerable portion of the year and until such time that such an adequate processing system be put in effect, we would be forced from time to time to use some wetback labor. Senator Watkins was surprised to learn that there was not an adequate processing system in existence and I believe he rather doubted that there was not, in as much as he said that many of his constituents used these men all the time and were never forced to use wetbacks. I pointed out to him that his constituents used this

labor for harvesting vegetable crops during the rush season when it was fairly easy to process men.

"I talked to Mr. Bob Elliott and asked him to give me the information on how many days of last year it was possible to process a preselected bracero out of Mexico and during that time if they could be processed with merely crossing the border or whether they would have to go to Irapuato or some other inland Mexican city. I have in mind, if it meets with your approval, sending this information to Senator Watkins to show that there is no adequate system in effect.

"After the hearing, I talked to Mr. Jacobson who is Executive Secretary for Senator Price Daniel. It was his opinion that this matter has come up so late in the session that it might not be possible to get it acted on before the session is over.

"I believe we have a chance to do ourselves some good with this Senator by presenting our case to him in a little more detail and by showing we are willing and want to use legalized men if possible; but to date we have been unable to bring sufficient pressure to bear upon the Labor Department so that they will give us adequate processing system. If what I have done today meets with your approval, I plan to correspond with Senator Watkins further in this matter."

Yours very truly,
WM. B. WILSON.

Hill Country Goat Sale and Races To Be Interesting To Visitors

THE 18th annual race meet and Angora goat sale sponsored by the Hill Country Fair Association is scheduled for Junction, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 12 – 13 – 14. It will probably be one of the highlights of outdoor events of the summer season in the area, and both ranchmen and vacationers will find the event entertaining.

For the ranch people the Angora sale will be a major attraction with most of the leading breeders of the Southwest participating in bringing their offerings of fine animals for sale. The sale, under the supervision of Lem Jones, auctioneer, assisted by Pete Gulley of Uvalde, will start daily at 9:30 A.M.

Each morning there will be street parades and each afternoon there will be horse races for six purses starting at 2:30 o'clock. The Junction event is recognized by the Texas Racing Association and acknowledged to be one of the best in the state, especially by those to whom Quarter Horse racing is a hobby.

Each night there will be an outdoor dance to which the ranch visitors and vacationers are all invited.

The event this year is planned to hold Junction deeper in the hearts of West Texas ranch people and all visitors as the hospitable ranch town on the Llano and the lively, friendly occasion in the vacation center of the Hill Country.

Wool Growers Need To Support Promotion, Declares Leader

"THE CONSUMERS are buying more wool but more should be done to strengthen wool's markets," recently declared Max F. Schmitt, President of The Wool Bureau, before the Executive Committee of the American Wool Council, meeting in Flagstaff, Arizona, July 16.

Consumer advertising will be included this year for the first time in wool's whole-hearted support of the producers.

The new national advertising campaign for wool is designed to build enduring consumer respect for wool's fashion importance and investment value, Mr. Schmitt asserted. Jointly sponsored by The Wool Bureau and Wool, Inc. – an organization representing the Boston and Philadelphia wool trades – the campaign will begin in August, he added. Advertisements will appear in Time, Newsweek, the New Yorker, Harper's Bazaar, Vogue and Esquire.

The promotion department of The Wool Bureau is working closely with leading textile mills, clothing manufacturers and retail stores, which will use the campaign to focus attention on wool, Mr. Schmitt explained. The theme, "Nothing Measures Up to Wool," will be used in advertising, in store displays, in special promotions, and on garment hang-tags, he said.

In this increasingly competitive era, he explained, not only does wool compete with other fibers, but wool products vie with an ever-widening range of consumer goods for their share of the consumer dollar. Wool growers must accept promotion as essential to the job of marketing their product profitably, he added.

Wool promotion efforts to date represent a "solid beginning" to a carefully planned, long-range program, Mr. Schmitt stated. Noting that the consumer's respect for wool is currently at a high level, Mr. Schmitt said:

"Basic performance qualities long taken for granted in wool are now eagerly sought by the consumer, who has found – sometimes from bitter experience – that nothing measures up to wool in service and value."



BUCK SALE

Junction, Texas

August 12, 13, 14

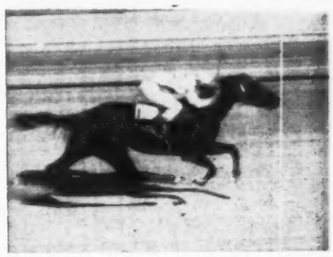
LEADING TEXAS BREEDERS

WILL HAVE THEIR

TOP GOATS HERE

SALES TO START AT 9:30 A.M., AUGUST 13 AND 14

AUGUST 12 — Classification of Goats
AUGUST 13 — Sale of 50 Does and 50 Bucks
AUGUST 14 — Sale of 50 Bucks



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EDITORIAL...

WHO GETS DROUTH RELIEF?

AN AUGUST 1 report from Kenneth E. Scott, U. S. Department of Agriculture, reveals that the government does not contemplate making drouth relief available at reduced prices to those able to pay market prices for it. In many ways, this is one of the most asinine statements to have ever come out of Washington, because the Department of Agriculture does not say by what formula those qualified to receive the relief feed will be selected. Would it be that only those ranch people who are now receiving charity from a qualified, legally set up charity board? Will it be those ranchmen who have less than $1.00 deposited to their accounts in the bank? Will it be the ranchman who has a debt of $1,000 or should he have a debt of at least $25,000 to be eligible for drouth relief feed?

The eminent Mr. Scott goes on to say he doesn't think a well-to-do outfit like the King Ranch will need special relief. How about an outfit half the size of the King Ranch? How about a ranch of three sections instead of 300 sections — all of them dry as a bone?

We have been reared in this country to believe that our government should treat each man, rich or poor, alike, and if drouth is extended to a certain drouth-striken area, it does not seem democratic or sensible to exclude the thrifty, or the wealthy, from drouth relief just because they have been thrifty or have become wealthy. Furthermore, it is inconceivable that any formula will make possible an equitable choice of who is qualified to get special relief.

No amount of government relief contemplated is likely to alleviate materially the suffering that is being caused by the tremendous drouth. In reality, the drouth relief program is, or should be, designed to make possible a less damaging liquidation of excess stock on drouth-striken ranges, and make it possible for the ranchmen to feed and retain their top quality seed stock.

BULLETIN NEW SHEEP DISEASE IN U. S. CAUSES HEAVY FLOCK LOSSES!



BLUE TONGUE

FACTS ABOUT BLUE TONGUE

BLUE TONGUE is new in the U.S.
BLUE TONGUE has spread in the west and southwest.
BLUE TONGUE is caused by a virus.
BLUE TONGUE is carried from sheep to sheep, by a gnat.
BLUE TONGUE appears in sheep 3 to 6 days after they are infected.
BLUE TONGUE begins with fever and dullness.
BLUE TONGUE then causes tongue to become greatly swollen.
BLUE TONGUE may then cause parts of head and throat to swell.
BLUE TONGUE often causes diarrhea.
BLUE TONGUE often causes cloudy, ulcerated eyes.
BLUE TONGUE causes the skin and feet to redden (flush).
BLUE TONGUE causes lameness following flushing.
BLUE TONGUE causes sheep to become weak and gaunt.
BLUE TONGUE may cause panting and pneumonia.
BLUE TONGUE virus is found in the blood and internal organs.
BLUE TONGUE may kill 1 out of 5 affected sheep.
BLUE TONGUE "sets back" those sheep that recover.
BLUE TONGUE is not known to be transmitted to humans.
BLUE TONGUE has not been successfully treated.
BLUE TONGUE *can be prevented by vaccination*

LOSSES CAN BE PREVENTED with BLUE TONGUE VACCINE

Blue Tongue is a sheep disease which first appeared in the U.S. several years ago and already has spread widely through the west and southwest.

Resulting flock losses can be heavy if not controlled. Blue Tongue may kill one out of every five affected sheep — and those that recover are seriously "set back."

Blue Tongue has not been successfully treated *but can be prevented by vaccinating the healthy sheep.* BLUE TONGUE VACCINE — produced and fully tested by Lederle — is your best answer to this new threat to your sheep profits.

Protect your own flock — and others — by vaccinating all animals annually with Lederle BLUE TONGUE VACCINE a full month before Blue Tongue season in your area. Write for free literature.

Help Prevent BLUE TONGUE from SPREADING

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Pearl River AMERICAN Cyanamid COMPANY New York

R. T. Foster, Sterling City, recently sold Joe Blakeney, San Angelo, who ranches in the Pandale area of Crockett County, 20 head of Debouillet rams at $30 each. The rams are to replace over 30 head which Mr. Blakeney lost in the extensive flood which swept Howard Draw in late June. The floods occasioned considerable loss on the Blakeney ranch — fences, ranch land and some livestock.

Some two inches of rain fell around Bandera the night of July 30. On July 31, North Uvalde County and parts of Kinney County received light showers to better than two inches of rain. Scattered showers fell throughout central and West Texas the latter days of July. Northern parts of Schleicher and the southern part of Tom Green County had as much as three and one-half inches of rain.

E. O. Oglesby, San Angelo wool buyer for Prouvost-Lefebvre Company, Inc., Boston, bought around 230,000 pounds of wools from the Wool Warehouse Company in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in a sealed bid sale the latter part of July.

Abe Mayer, Jr., Roswell, New Mexico, bought 103,000 pounds in the same sale.

Junction will be the next quarterly meeting place of the directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, which will be held on September 18.

Wm. Volkmann, Menard, reports the sale of more than 30 head of Rambouillet and cross-bred Rambouillet-Corriedale rams at from $35 to $65 per head. He still has some 50 head of open-face Rambouillet rams and some cross-bred rams for this year's trade.

VETERINARIAN BITTEN BY RABID COW

CHAS. W. KOBERG, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, San Angelo, is taking Pasteur treatment after having been bitten by a rabid cow, July 26. (That's what we said — cow — not cat) which he was treating on the O. B. Jacobs ranch, north of Robert Lee. The cow originally came from east of Dallas, where Dr. Koberg said it was probably exposed, inasmuch as there have been no reports of rabies in the neighborhood around Robert Lee.

Doc. says he has his list of names made up of those he is going to bite.

Prices Stronger in Rambouillet Sale

THE 266 Rambouillet rams in the 18th Annual San Angelo Rambouillet Sale, July 17, averaged over $20 more than 250 head in last year's sale – $99.21 compared with $78.59.

Six No. 1 quality blue ribbon stud rams averaged $321.67, while the average on the eight head last year was $216.25. Fourteen studs classified No. 2 quality brought $236.79 each. Last year eight head in this classification sold for $170.00 each. Average price on the 20 studs was $262.25.

There were eight pens-of-three A-B-C rams (sold with the buyer privileged to take all or any part of the pen at the winning bid), and these 24 rams averaged $181.87. Last year 27 head head brought $115.00 each.

The top selling stud ram was consigned by John Williams of Eldorado, and was purchased by R. H. Earwood of Brackettville for $400 – $85 above last year's top price. R. O. Sheffield of San Angelo, President of the Rambouillet Association, paid $400 also for his choice out of an A-B-C pen consigned by Clifford Olsen of Ephraim, Utah. Wiley Holland of Alpine purchased the other two rams in Olsen's A-B-C pen for $275.00 each, which made this the top selling A-B-C pen.

The highest selling pen-of-five rams was consigned by Miles Pierce of Alpine, and went to Leasel Harris, San Angelo ranchman, at $160 per head. A stud ram selecting committee picked the 20 stud rams out of 37 head put up for studs by the consignors. The breeders were allowed to enter only two rams each as studs. This same committee also selected the eight pens of A-B-C rams from 20 entries – one per consignor.

Of the 302 head consigned, 14 did not arrive, and a rigid sifting committee eliminated another 22 head.

Major buyers were:

Wardlaw Brothers, Del Rio, 75 head for $5,380.00.

C. F. Briggs, Del Rio, 15 head for $1,180.00.

J. G. Brite & Sons, Del Rio, 15 head for $2,115.00.

Leasel Harris, San Angelo, 15 head for $1,600.00.

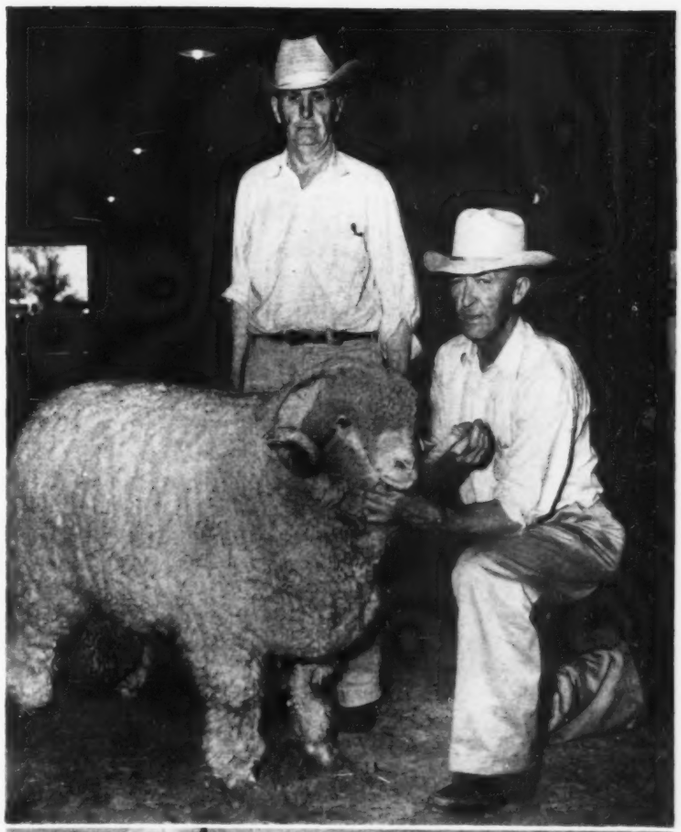
Wiley Holland, Alpine, 10 head for $1,760.00.

The only out-of-state buyer was the firm of Reynolds & Asbill of Yeso, New Mexico, which purchased two stud rams at $360 and $330 each.

Range rams averaged a little over $75 per head – $10 above last year.

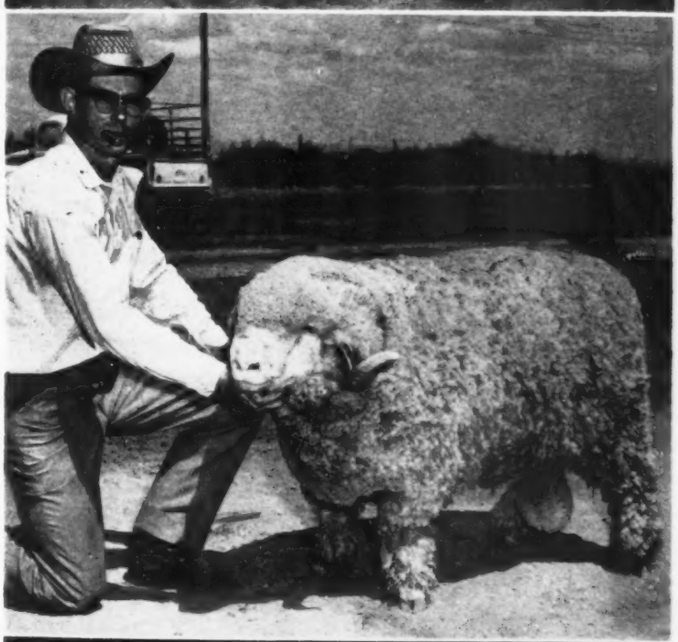
The better prices in this year's Sale reflect the improvement in range conditions over much of Texas, and the willingness of sheepmen to pay more for better quality rams to use on flocks that were culled deeply during the drouth.

This Sale was sponsored by the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders' Association.



WILLIAMS SELLS EARWOOD TOP SAN ANGELO RAM

John Williams, Eldorado, pioneer Rambouillet breeder, again found his sheep well liked in the auction sale. He sold R. H. Earwood, Brackettville, the top Rambouillet ram in the 18th annual San Angelo Rambouillet sale sponsored by the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association. The price was $400.



SHEFFIELD BUYS $400 RAM

R. O. Sheffield paid $400 for a Clifford Olsen, Ephraim, Utah, ram to match the top price paid in the recent San Angelo sale. The ram was selected from an A-B-C pen. Rushing Sheffield is shown holding the ram.



VOLKMANN BUYS A PAT ROSE RAM

Bill Volkmann, well known Rambouillet breeder of Menard, paid Pat Rose, Jr., of Del Rio better than $200 for the choice polled Rambouillet ram shown here.

GILLESPIE COUNTY SALE TOPS AT $87.50

LITTLE INTEREST was shown in the sale of rams and Angora bucks in the Gillespie Registered Breeders Association Sale, July 24. The top was that of a yearling Angora goat sold by Roy Weinheimer of Stonewall to Thehirhart Bros. of Pipe Creek at $87.50.

There were 81 animals offered and 26 of them sold. Spencer Bros. of Harper sold three rams to Carlton Godbold, Leakey, for $50 for one and $42.50 each for the other two. Most of the sheep sold in the $40 range and the goats in the $25 to $30 range.

H. C. Wilkinson, Ranger, has sold to Wayne Sharp, 4-H boy of Knickerbocker, 10 registered Rambouillet ewes and one buck to be used in 4-H work and as a start of a breeding flock.

Bill Fields of Sonora was reported early in July to have purchased 36,000 pounds of wool from the Joe B. Blakeney Wool Warehouse, San Angelo, paying 45 and 62½ cents a pound.



RAMBOUILLET OFFICIALS

The annual meeting of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association was held in San Angelo on the night of July 16, with a very good representation of directors present. From left to right of the board are shown E. H. Patterson, Mayville, New York; Clyde Thate, Burkett; President R. O. Sheffield and Secretary Jack Taylor, San Angelo; John Williams, Eldorado; Myron Morris, East Vaughan, New Mexico, and Adin Nielson, Ephraim, Utah.

RAMBOUILLET RAMBLINGS

By JACK TAYLOR

NEW MEMBERS during this first month of our new fiscal year include: John Brooks Landers, 4-H Club boy from Menard, Texas; Don Le Stourgeon, Medina, Texas; Kirk Gordon, Saline, Michigan; and a brother team, R. J. & Joe Everett of Ozona, Texas. R. J. & Joe purchased a stud ram in the Association Sale. They are members of the Crockett County 4-H Club.

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Sixteen active members of the Association purchased rams in the Association Sale, and several former members were listed among the buyers.

A large number of members were present for the 66th Annual Meeting of the Association in San Angelo, July 16th, and they showed a keen interest in Association affairs. As in any healthy organization, they were not in complete agreement on everything, but it was gratifying to see so many take part in the discussions.

Only two members of the Executive Board were unable to be present, Vice-President Dr. John Beal was seriously ill, and George L. Beal was unable to get excused from a summer college graduate course. Dr. R. I. Port, new director for District 5, had an appointment with a hospital to check an old back injury and could not attend.

Director Sylvan J. Pauly flew down from Flagstaff, Arizona, where he had attended an Executive Committee meeting of the National Wool Growers Association.

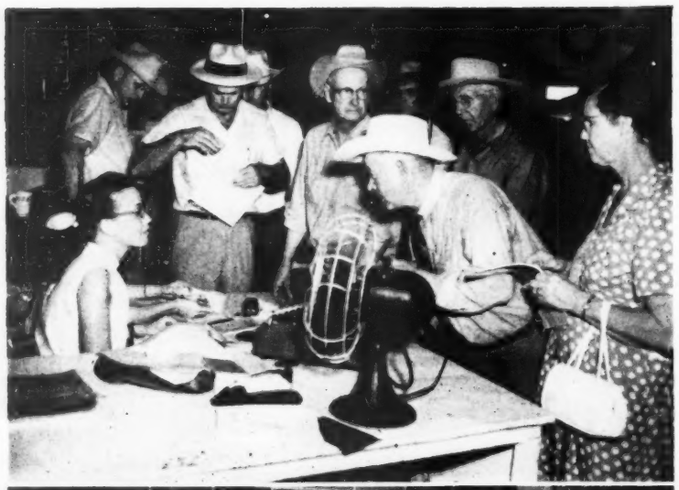
Most consignors seemed generally pleased with the results of the Sale. Many Texas sheepmen still have not received enough rain to grow much feed, and others are hard pressed to pay old feed bills and debts incurred during the drouth.

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Guest speaker for the Association dinner, Congressman O. C. Fisher, pointed out that one of the objectives of the new wool bill was to encourage sheepmen to breed for better wool. If it works as planned, the sheepman who produces good wool will receive a higher price through the market, and a higher incentive payment.

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It would be impossible to thank everyone who helped make the Association's Ram Sale a success; however, special mention should be given to auctioneer Lem Jones; ring men Al Sledge, Lloyd Hackler, and Bill Littleton; the Altrusa Club for its fine





AT THE PAY-OFF DESK

(Top)

Mrs. Russell Harlow, Assistant Secretary of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders' Association, takes in the checks during the recent Rambouillet Sale in San Angelo. In the picture are Roger Q. Landers, Menard; Arthel Henson, Abilene; C. F. Briggs, Del Rio; Clarence Ford, Brookesmith; J. C. Hoffman, Paint Rock; and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Nixon, Eldorado.

(Bottom)

Mrs. Russell Harlow and Mrs. Pat Carnes wait on ram buyer, George Demere of Water Valley, Texas.



THEY CHECK THE RAMS

Caught in a moment of deep study, this picture shows veteran Rambouillet breeders whose job it was to select the top rams for the San Angelo Rambouillet sale offering. Their work was extremely difficult, it was hot and they probably could have found easier things to do but they did a hard job and did it well. Left to right are Leo Richardson, Iraan; H. C. Noelke, Sheffield; Clyde Thate, Burkett; Miles Pierce, Alpine, and Pat Rose, Jr., Del Rio.

snack bar; G. C. Jackson, care taker of the Fairgrounds facilities; and to the Tom Green County 4-H Club boys who worked the rams for the Stud Committee and through the ring.

The Sale Committee extends its thanks to all the individuals and groups that helped.

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Member Theo Ochler of Harper, Texas, writes the office that he makes a practice of using a Burdizzo on any rams he is forced to sell through commercial markets or auction rings. He believes this is a sound practice to prevent commercial sheepmen from using culled rams, and that it is also a protection for the registered sheep breeders.

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The first annual Junior Fine Wool Breeding Sheep Sale to be held at Menard, Texas, August 27th and 28th, possibly will be the first sale of its kind ever held anywhere. In this sale, the Directors are in charge of the rules and all consignors are of Club age. These 4-H Club and FFA Chapter junior breeders are offering their own breeding for sale, and many of the rams entered have fine show records. Since this is the first of what is hoped will be a regular event, these business-minded young breeders decided they want to set high standards for this sale and stated that a rigid sifting committee would carefully check all entries.

These young sheepmen have selected a practical type project for their Club work. Like adult breeders, they have had rough sledding the past four years during the drouth. Unlike boys and girls feeding fat lambs and calves, they have collected no prices well above the market at stock shows. All the financial help they have had is the premium money they were able to win in the show lines.

Ranchmen who will need rams might do well to look over the offerings at this Sale. These young breeders richly deserve your support.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW AT STATE FAIR

THE JUNIOR Livestock Show at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, October 9 to 24 will probably set a record for number of 4-H Club and FFA Chapters competing, as well as districts represented. A practical program is being stressed.

The dates for the 1954 Junior Livestock Show will be Monday through Friday, October 18 - 22. Five dairy breeds, fat steers, market steers, swine and fat lambs will be included in the judging.

The Junior premiums will total $15,480.

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By JAY RICHTER

WOOL LEGISLATION – aimed at incentives to greater production – looked like a shoo-in at press time. Both officials and farm leaders were forecasting a satisfactory program, despite their sharp differences over support levels for "basic" crops.

Both houses were agreed on provisions that would allow the Agriculture Secretary to support shorn wool up to 110 per cent of parity. Goal is domestic production of 300 million pounds per year or more – "at prices fair to both producers and consumers in a manner which will have the least adverse effects upon foreign trade."

Benson indicated on Capitol Hill that the incentive price for wool probably would be at about 60 cents per pound. The legislation directs that he announce the level as far in advance of the marketing year "as practicable" . . . probably in February. Indicators pointed to a program that would be retroactive to include this year's clip.

The USDA's emergency drouth program, due to taper off in midsummer, was being revived at press time. Easier credit, and possibly another government beef-buying program, may be put into effect. The cut-rate feed program to be extended.

House farm leaders told Benson to use all power and funds available to deal with the worsening drouth – to call upon Congress "immediately" for extra funds if needed. The Senate started the wheel turning for special credit up to $15,000 far ranchers and farmers in distressed areas. USDA sent a "team" into the stricken areas to estimate needs, and report back to Secretary Benson.

Trade sources, meanwhile, were predicting trouble in livestock markets for the rest of this year. Frequent market gluts are foreseen by packers, with resulting pressure on prices. USDA livestock experts, who recently have been predicting "stability" in markets for the rest of 1954, were beginning to hedge their bets. Some of them now think there may be major breaks in hog prices with the pressure to be felt in the livestock markets generally.

Weather bureau officials in Washington are not optimistic about the outlook through August. They think the weather for the next few weeks

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Pat Rose, who ranches a few miles west of the Pecos River, said he knew it was raining but the first he knew how much was when he heard a radio flash that the Pecos River bridge had been washed out. Then he thought he was hearing wrong. That was a mighty bridge but water got a long way over it in the late June flood.

V. I. Pierce, of Ozona, believes he lost around 80 rams in the June rains and flood. His main loss was top soil. "I left the cedar in the draws to help hold soil, and out on the hillsides the debris and swift current washed up the live trees. The draws are now mostly bare gravel beds." And that's the case with much of the south Crockett, north Val Verde and some of Terrell County areas.

The Wayne West ranch south of Ozona lost more than 25 miles of fence in the June 28 flood.

The damage to the beautiful pecan grove on the "Head of the River" ranch of the late Claude Hudspeth by June floods is reported to be extensive with many hundreds of the finest and largest pecans washed away. The crossing is gone and a new makeshift road is in use up the river. The main channel of the river has shifted considerably. "It will never look the same," reports Leo Richardson who tried to go over the place recently in a pick-up. "It was sure hurt by the flood."

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may be much like that in 1951 – very dry.

High temperatures are forecseen, with the situation aggravated by low subsoil moisture in many areas. The extreme heat would bring abnormal evaporation, the weathermen report.

Livestockmen, along with other farmers, will be hurt by USDA's strict crop-control program for next year. Cut-back – sharpest in U. S. history – may take 10 per cent of the nation's crop acreage out of cash grains, cottons, etc.

Controls, in the long run, may mean more competition for livestock. Grain and cotton growers, looking for ways to make up income losses, are expected to start or expand livestock operations. Rigid limits on feed-grain output will tend to raise production costs.

Unless the Administration takes action to melt down government butter stocks, GOP congressmen could be caused acute embarrassment next fall. Processors already are complaining that butter threatens to overflow storage space. Result could be a public "scandal" to compare with the potato fiasco of a few years back.

Government holdings of dairy stocks on July 1 had reached an all-time high of 440 million pounds of butter, 412 million pounds of cheese, 301 million pounds of dried milk.

You can look for some real heat on Congress when the full extent of USDA's proposed acreage cuts for next year become clear to ranchers and farmers across the nation. Overall drop in farm income next year, due to controls alone, economists here think, could be as much as 15 per cent below 1953. Approximately 10 per cent of the nation's crop acres may be forced out of production, says Agriculture Under Secretary True D. Morse.

"If farmers choose to comply (with controls) in order to get price supports," says Morse, "there may be 35 million acres diverted out of high income groups. . .

"There will be less profits for farmers.

"All of those who sell to, or serve farmers, will transact less business. . .

"There will be less for labor to do – less crop work, harvesting, processing, transportation, storage and sales.

"To the extent farm production is cut back and restricted – it tends to weaken the consumer demand and national prosperity on which profitable farm markets depend."

USDA's "Demand and Price Situation," issued as we went to press, includes these official observations:

"Demand for farm products remains high. . . . Prices received by farmers in the first six months of this year averaged about 2½% below a year earlier. . .

"Carryover stocks are large for corn, wheat, cotton, dairy products and oils.

"Meat supplies continue large. Output in the last half of this year is expected to total somewhat above the same period in 1953. . .

"Crop output . . . may total virtually as large as in 1953," USDA's report continued. (Note: This prediction was made before it became apparent that drouth conditions were growing worse. Upshot is that the USDA's next crop report, due on August 10, may show some decreases in prospective production. Up to early July, 1954 had looked like another year of bumper crops, and this still may be the case – but, now, officials are not so sure.)

"Quotations for most domestic wools," the USDA report goes on, "have been above loan rates. Prices received by growers for shorn wool at mid-June averaged 55.2 cents per pound, slightly higher than a month earlier but slightly lower than a year earlier. . .

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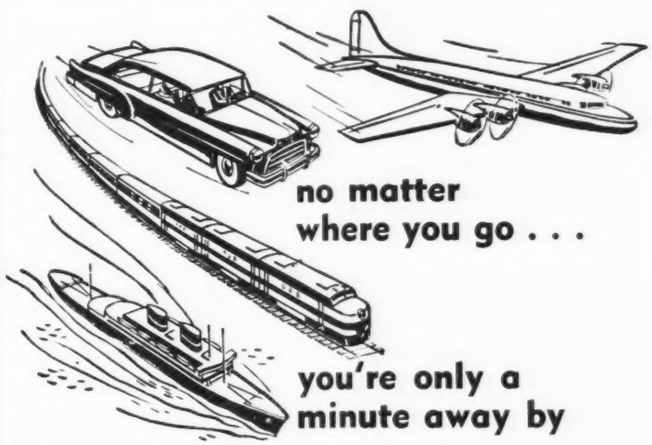
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Conservation-Wise

By BILL ALLRED
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RESULTS FROM a ten-year study at the Central Plains Experimental Range showed that animal gains are greatest and sale price highest from moderately grazed ranges when compared with heavily grazed ranges.

The University of New Mexico reports that alfalfa cubes composed of 70 percent alfalfa, 20 percent grain, and 10 percent molasses gave cheapest gains on lambs in the feed lot. Specialists at the New Mexico Station say a well-balanced ration should be made up of the following kind of nutrients: Crude fiber — 15 to 20 percent; nitrogen-free extract — 47 to 52 percent; and total digestible nutrients — 55 to 59 percent.

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Halogeton is a new range weed that was discovered at Wells, Nevada, in 1935. Since then this annual weed pest has spread into California, Nevada, Montana, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. Western range men estimate that halogeton covers about 4-¾ million acres of grazing land.

Every ranchman in the Southwest should keep his eye peeled for the first halogeton plants and then kill them. Killing the first halogeton pioneers will prevent an infestation.

Young halogeton plants resemble young Russian thistle. At that stage they are bluish-green and have fleshy leaves; stems are green with reddish tinge.

Early results from eradication trials show that 2,4-D is effective in halogeton control. This pest does not gain headway on ranges in good and excellent condition. Proper grazing is the best way to control it.

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The Oklahoma Experiment Station has just released the following information on two interesting subjects.

1. Properly supplemented prairie hay has sufficient feeding value for satisfactory milk production, as indicated by four feeding trials. When prairie hay is the sole roughage in the ration, it appears necessary to feed a concentrate mixture containing about 20 percent protein. The carotene and calcium content of prairie hay is relatively low as compared to legume hays; and under conditions of advanced maturity or weathering damage, these materials are apt to be low.

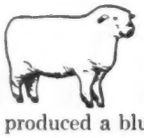
2. To determine the influence of location of a farm on its market value, the Experiment Station conducted a study of prices paid in more than 2,600 land sales involving 330,000 acres in seven counties during the period 1941 - 45. Particular aspects of the study included sales prices as related to road type, distance to all-weather roads, distance to the nearest market, and distance to a principal market. A summary shows that farms on pavement sold for 50 percent more than farms on improved dirt roads; and farms on all-weather roads sold for about 43 percent more than farms on unimproved dirt roads. The farms within a mile of a market sold for one-third more on the average than those three to five miles away.

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Bluetongue infection in the United States was first identified in California in 1952. Recent observations give good evidence that bluetongue also exists in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Nevada. The disease is spread by gnats and may also be transmitted by other biting insects.

Bluetongue infection is a seasonal disease. The incidence of infection is rapidly lowered following the first frost in the fall. There is no known cure for bluetongue. Vaccination of animals has proved to be a practical means of preventing bluetongue losses.

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New Bluetongue Vaccine Is Rushed To Sheep Areas

THE DISASTROUS economic losses caused by bluctongue, a new disease of sheep, can be prevented. This was indicated by Cutter Laboratories' announcement that a vaccine for the prevention of bluctongue is in production at their plant in Berkeley, California. This new vaccine is available under the trade name, "Blucine".

Cutter veterinary research scientists, working in cooperation with the University of California School of Veterinary Medicine, have directed an accelerated research program for Blucine development and production. Costly losses from bluctongue infection have resulted in urgent demands by the sheep industry for a vaccine to protect against this new virus disease.

Bluctongue is a disease of sheep and goats. Bluctongue infection in the United States was first identified in California in 1952. More recent observations give good evidence that bluctongue exists in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Texas. Veterinary medical authorities have estimated that 325,000 sheep were infected with bluctongue in 1952. The disease is transmitted by gnats and may also be spread by other biting insects. There is no known cure for bluctongue.

Blucine bluctongue vaccine is a live modified virus vaccine that is grown and attenuated in chick embryo culture. The viruses used in the preparation of Blucine were isolated by Dr. D. G. McKercher at the University of California. These viruses were made available to Cutter Laboratories for Blucine production.

Blucine bluctongue vaccine offers the sheep industry a means of controlling this critical disease loss problem. Concentrated research efforts by state and federal agencies and private industry assure livestock producers of a continued fight to overcome these losses caused by infectious livestock disease.



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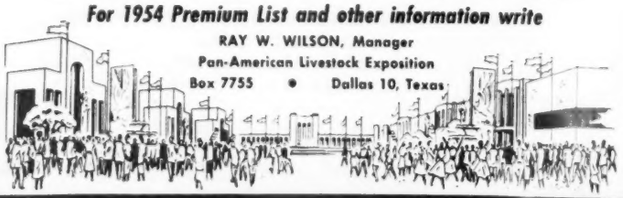
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Sheffield Re-Elected President of American Rambouillet Association

MEMBERS of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders' Association attending the organization's 66th Annual meeting at San Angelo, Texas, July 16th, elected R. O. Sheffield of San Angelo to serve another one-year term as President. Dr. John H. Beal of Cedar City, Utah, was likewise re-elected to the office of Vice-President, and Clyde Thate, Burkett, Texas, was re-elected as Director of District No. 2. Dr. Rodney I. Port, Sundance, Wyoming veterinarian, was elected as the Director of District No. 5 Outgoing Director for this District is Sylvan J. Pauly of Deer Lodge, Montana.

Other Directors whose terms did not expire are: E. H. Patterson, Mayville, New York; John Williams, Eldorado, Texas; George L. Beal, Ephraim, Utah; Myron Morris, East Vaughn, New Mexico; and Adin Nielson of Ephraim, Utah.

During the meeting, the Association's score card for judging was changed to 60 points on body and 40 points on wool, from a 66 - 34 point percentage, but it was a real contest with a large number of members taking an active part in the discussion to give the reasons for their stand.

Leo Richardson of Iraan, Texas, reported for the special committee on a proposed Merit Award program. It was the opinion of this committee that a national program to recognize the outstanding individuals and sires would not be practicable because of the wide differences in conditions and environments of the members who reside in 27 different states; however, this committee felt that some efforts to encourage other states to support projects similar to the Texas Experiment Station Ram Progeny Test for their sheepmen might be worth while. The membership voted to direct the President to appoint a committee to study the possibilities.

The membership voted to sponsor another Association Sale in San Angelo for 1955.

Ralph S. Yohe, member from Chicago, who was the Association's delegate to a recent Washington work conference on scrapie, gave a report on this disease, its seriousness, and the importance of eliminating it. The membership voted to send a resolution to the United States Department of Agriculture urging that steps be taken immediately to destroy known infected flocks.

The Executive Board voted to hold the 67th Annual Meeting in New Mexico at the time and place of the New Mexico Ram Sale, usually held in Albuquerque the first week in August. For the past several years, the meetings have been alternated between the San Angelo, Texas, Ram Sale and the National Ram Sale in Utah. Those members who voted for the change explained that they believed the Association would be benefitted by rotating the meetings more among the different districts – taking the meeting to the members as is the policy of the state and National Wool Growers Associations.

New Mexico is in District 6, along with Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, California, and Washington. The State of Utah is District No. 4, and Texas has Districts No. 2 and 3, with the dividing line near San Angelo. District 5 is all the other states west of the Mississippi, and District No. 1 is all states east of the Mississippi.

Jack B. Taylor of San Angelo, Texas, was reappointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.



E. H. PATTERSON

A New York State Rambouillet breeder and a Chicago newspaper publisher, E. H. Patterson, Director of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders' Association, has established a several-year-old record for traveling the longest distance to the Association meetings. Mr. Patterson raises Rambouilllets on his place near Mayville, New York.

W. E. Lawrence, who lives in Fort Stockton, reports his ranch 25 miles northwest of Fort Stockton is in excellent condition with grass on the eleven sections of range land sufficient to run 600 or more cattle past the first of the year. Mr. Lawrence believes the range is in better condition than he remembers having seen it.

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The St. Joseph Children's Home Dairy at Abilene, Kansas, hasn't had a row crop on the place for five years. It's a 100% grasslands-farming project.

Fences have helped make it possible for Harold Scanlan, the dairy manager, to double the returns from a 90-acre field in most years, as compared with production under the old row-crop system. Eliminating row crops also solved the erosion problem.

Scanlan starts out the first day of spring grazing the herd of 90 registered Holsteins on the 90-acre field seeded to alfalfa, bromegrass and rye. The rye produces abundant early growth. They move on to the bromegrass and alfalfa later in the spring. About the middle of May, Scanlan turns his cattle into a 110-acre native grass pasture.

While the cattle are on native pasture, the 90-acre field is left to produce roughage for ensilage. At $10 a ton the 650 tons of grass silage produced are worth $6500, not to mention the valuable early spring pasture the field already has produced. But the field does not stop producing roughage when the silage crop is harvested. Second and third cuttings of grass are used for hay and then the herd is turned in to harvest the final cutting.

Scanlan depends on grass for his ensilage needs. Grass crops give permanent cover for the land and need only a fraction of the work required by row crops, he explains. His ensilage, he adds, is high in nutritional value, and the saving in time and money is important.

Results he gets from his farming and fencing practices are pointed up by the fact that 55 head of cows have made a yearly butterfat average of well over 500 pounds. In addition to supplying the children at the St. Joseph's Home, where Scanlan was once a student, the dairy delivers milk to Abilene and Salina.

Agriculture's Most Expandable Resource: GRASS

Experiments by agronomists in many parts of the country indicate that crop production efficiency can be increased tremendously by expanding the acreage of legumes and grasses. These are crops which farmers can put on diverted areas without fear of over-production. It is conservatively estimated that 25% more legume and grass acreage is needed just to put agriculture in balance. It is said that to feed 200 million people twenty years hence, farmers will need to develop a highly productive grassland-livestock agriculture to avoid subsisting on an Asiatic diet.

Good Fence Essential to High Production

The entire 387 acre dairy owned by the St. Joseph Children's Home is fenced in four-strand barbed-wire attached for the most part to metal posts. This can be put in with much less time and labor, and when it comes time to move the fence, the metal posts come out in a jiffy when chained to a tractor manure loader.

Most of the metal posts Scanlan uses are the common angle-iron type, but at the corners he utilizes discarded heavier pieces of pipe. He welds a length of iron pipe horizontally to the corner post and the first line post in each direction, about one foot from the top of each post.

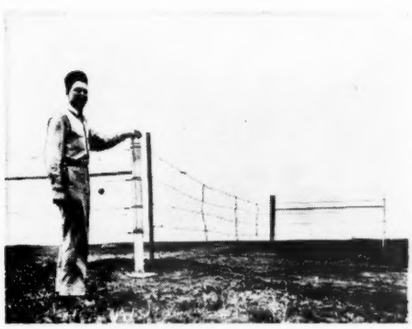
The barnyard is completely surrounded with a woven wire fence which Scanlan says "has been here 30 years and looks as if it's good for another 30. That's the importance of buying quality when you buy fence."

He seems to have pioneered with a gate made from two discarded wagon wheels of the same size. He cuts the hubs out of both wheels with a cutting torch and then cuts the rim. The rim is straightened with the spokes attached. The loose ends of spokes of both wheels are then welded to a length of heavy pipe, which forms the horizontal center of a very substantial gate.

These ingenious methods applied to fencing are typical of the way Scanlan runs the entire operation of the St. Joseph Children's Farm Dairy.

Good Fence Saves You Money in the Long Run

Fence costs must be figured on a cost-per-year basis. When you pay a dollar more per rod for fence that will last 20 years or more —as compared with a "10-year" fence—the higher priced fence actually costs you less. Labor costs for building a fence are same whether it lasts 10, 20 or more years. And labor averages up to ⅔ the cost of the fence.



HAROLD SCANLAN manager of the St. Joseph Children's Home Dairy at Abilene, Kansas, leans on a rugged corner post of the fencing that plays a vital role in this grasslands-farming operation. The post is anchored in concrete and braced by a brace bar welded to the posts.



TWO DISCARDED WAGON WHEELS are used by Harold Scanlan to construct this rugged gate (method described in this article). Standing on gate is Lawrence, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Scanlan. A portion of the 90-head herd of registered Holsteins can be seen in background.

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Emphasis again this year, as during the previous 38 annual sales, will be on quality. Not only will sale rams be topped out from leading flocks of the Nation, but will be further examined by a sifting committee for good health and serviceability upon arrival at the Coliseum. This will materially assist buyers in securing the best rams obtainable.

Blackface rams will open the sale on Thursday, August 19, at 9:00 A.M. when Suffolks will enter the ring and change hands under the chant of auctioneers Earl O. Walter, Filer, Idaho; and Howard Brown, Woodland, California. Hampshires will open the Thursday afternoon session at 1:00 P.M., followed by Suffolk-Hampshire Crossbreds.

On Friday, August 20, whiteface rams will be spotlighted in the auction ring. Rambouillets will open the second day's selling at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, August 20, followed in the afternoon at 1:00 P.M. by Panamas, Targhees, Columbias, and Whiteface Crossbreds.

The Second Annual Wool Show will also be held in the Coliseum from August 18 through the 20th with Scott Smith of Salt Lake City and James N. Coon, Portland, Oregon, as judges. Last year over 70 fleeces competed for prize money and trophies.

The Sheepherders' Golf Tournament, a pre-opening feature providing a lot of fun for those who play golf and those who don't, will be held Wednesday, August 18 at 1:00 P.M. Another "repeat" this year is the barbecue for sale buyers, consignors, and visitors. This gala family affair proved to be very popular last year. It will be held at 7:00 P.M. the first day of the sale, Thursday, August 19.



"Oh, Yes! Now I see the word 'down'."

GOVERNMENT TAX COLLECTORS DEMAND PROOF

WHEN IS expense for land terracing a deductible item for income tax purposes, and when is it a capital expenditure?

The expense may or may not be deductible, depending on the particular situation, according to a decision handed down recently by the U. S. tax court.

In upholding a Missouri farmer's (J. H. Collingwood) contention that the cost of terracing was an expense rather than a capital expenditure and should be deductible as such, the court stated that the cost of terracing in the Collingwood case "was not so large as to be inconsistent with repair and maintenance expenses." Also there was no stone or concrete used in the construction, but only earth moving was involved in the work.

The court placed a great deal of emphasis on the fact that the terracing did not make the land suitable for new uses, nor did it increase the value of the property. The tax court brought out, however, that ordinarily, terracing does increase the value of the property and that in such cases, construction costs would need to be treated as an improvement to the farm and not as an expense item.

Following the court's ruling, the Internal Revenue Service clarified its position with reference to the treatment of terracing expenses by stating that the principles announced in the Collingwood case would be followed in other cases when the facts were substantially the same.

The important thing to remember, is that the Internal Revenue Service does not give blanket authorization for all terraces to be treated as an expense item. On the contrary, it would appear that the Service's position is basically one of which the treatment of terracing as a deductible item is unusual rather than ordinary.

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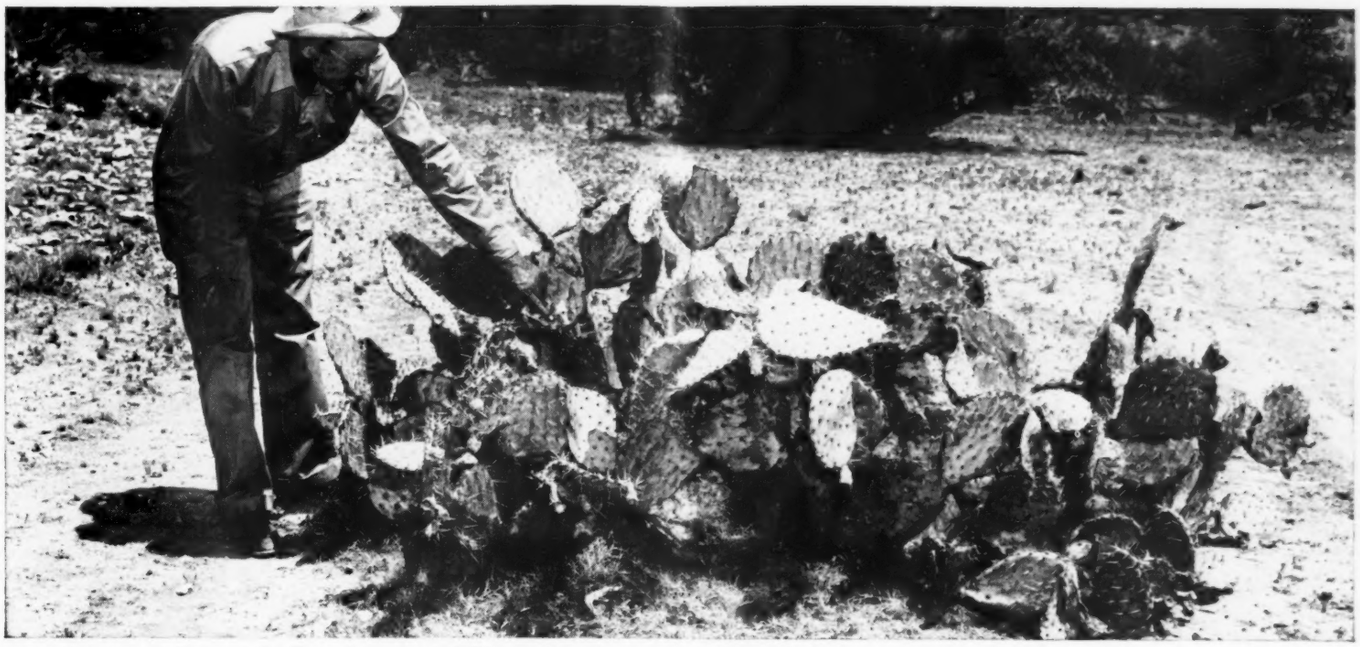
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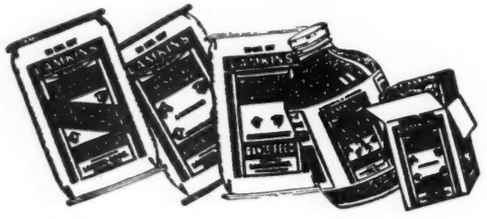
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Wool Outlook Not Unpromising

REPORTS FROM wool trading and manufacturing centers should prove encouraging to those interested in the long range aspect of the wool situation. These reports do not reveal any startling trouble with the prospects of profitable growing and marketing of wool in the forseeable future. Despite the gloomy predictions of those smart prognosticators of the last two decades and the bewailings and discouragement, well-scattered by many in the manufacturing and retailing branch of the industry quite a few of which had axes to grind, wool has not faded from the domestic scene, nor is it likely to here or anywhere else.

Growers of wool can take vast encouragement from the fact that in 1953 the people of this country spent 17 billion dollars for clothing – more than three times as much as the average annual expenditure from 1930 to 1940. From 1940 to 1950 the increase in population was 20 million, from 1950 to 1960 the population increase will be from 22 to 25 million people. Furthermore the 1950 - 1970 increase in population in this country will likely be around 30 million people.

It will be the job of the wool growers to help clothe these people.

Confidence in Wool Is Growing

Spectacular as it was, the flurry in synthetic fibers has not proved them to be the answer to all problems of wearing apparel supply. People have found out, some to their dismay and loss, that the synthetics are not the perfect fibers claimed and that their properties in most every analysis do not measure up to the old stand-by, wool.

"Yes, wool continues to be appreciated more than ever today as a fiber with a combination of qualities for traditional uses which, as yet, have not been duplicated in any one test-tube fiber," declares Ruth Jackendoff, Director of Economics and Statistics of the Wool Bureau. "And the fact that wool prices have remained relatively stable is a factor which enhances wool's competitive position.

"If we assume that wool will continue to retain its share of the 1950 market, we would require 899 million pounds of wool, clean basis, in 1970. This would be 232 million more than we required in 1950.

"If per capita world consumption in 1970 rises to one pound per person, which is a little higher than the average of the past years, the world would require 2 billion 950 million pounds of wool, or 435 million pounds more than the current season's clip.

"Such an increase is quite conceivable in terms of past trends. The 1953 - 54 clip is 445 million pounds larger than that of the mid-thirties. Practically the entire increase has been achieved since the end of the Southern hemisphere drouth in the mid-forties, and about one-third of it in a recent season when Australia sucessfully exterminated its rabbit pest and was favored by exceptionally good climatic conditions.

"Here, in the United States, we have a wool program in the offing which, it is hoped, will increase shorn wool production to a minimum of 150 million pounds, clean basis, closer to 200 million, if pulled wool is added.

"The present unfavorable condition



"There's no reason to be scared, sweetheart — there's not a bear in a thousand miles of here."

of the textile industry will not last forever. It is going 'through the wringer,' eliminating excess capacity resulting from retention of obsolete plants and equipment plus new capacity and new machinery. Some people will inevitably be hurt in the process, but the textile industry, including all its branches will emerge tighter and more efficient. In the competitive economy of today, it is important to the wool textile industry that it be as efficient and economical in its operations as the mass production industries. Consumers want a lot of things and they are going to be very choosy about the values that they get for their money."

Blue Tongue Vaccine Announced By Lederle Laboratories

THE LEDERLE Laboratories Division of the American Cyanamid Company has announced that it now has available to the sheepmen a Blue Tongue Vaccine developed by Lederle scientists in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the University of California.

"Blue Tongue," points out Lederle, "has been a disease that South African sheep raisers have faced for many years. However, while Texas scientists believe that it has existed in this state for many years, it was not officially recognized in the United States until 1953.

"Lederle Blue Tongue Vaccine is of the avianized harmless live virus type, grown in fertile hens' eggs. Lederle is well known as the pioneer in the production of vaccines of this type.

"It is recommended that Blue Tongue Vaccine Lederle be administered every year to all sheep in areas where blue tongue has appeared. The vaccine should be administered, regardless of weight or age, in the early summer.

"Blue Tongue is a virus disease spread principally by gnats. The season runs from midsummer to the first frost when insects are abundant. The symptoms show up three to six days after infection when animals become feverish and dull. The tongue, throat and parts of the head swell; diarrhea and cluody eyes may occur.

"The disease is fatal in about one out of five infected sheep, but secondary effects include poor wool condition, loss of weight and screw-worm infestation, resulting in severe economic loss."

JARRETT LOSES FENCE

T. J. JARRETT, Del Rio, who lives on the mid-stretches of Devil's River, Val Verde County, reports that the late June floods demolished about seven miles of his fences. Some of the fences completely disappeared, leaving no trace. Others were snarled and tangled up, many caught uprooted cedar and other trees and brush.

"I have most of my fences back up," declared Mr. Jarrett. "Just as soon as I saw that my fence was gone, I ordered posts. The next day posts went up a nickle a piece or more, and I suppose they are up a lot higher now. No, I don't think I lost any livestock."

J. W. Ruegner, Rambouillet breeder of Katemcy, recently sold Ed Watts of Pinon, New Mexico, 50 ram lambs which was his entire crop for this year. Mr. Ruegner also sold Marvin Grote, who lives in his community, 85 ewes and 40 ewe lambs, which are to be delivered on the first of September. This leaves Mr. Ruegner about 100 head of registered ewes.

Logan Adams and Frank Weed, Jr. received 800 blackface lambs at Kerrville on contract. Adams and Weed sold Wheeler ranch of Medina 200 pairs of does and kids at $12.50 a pair; also a load of ewes and lambs to John Mitchell of Utopia off their Medina ranch at $15.50 a pair.

Frnak Weed, Jr. bought on order a string of yearling goats at $8.00 per head from Jimmy Stelzer of Vanderpool; C. H. Godbold, Leakey; and Boyce of Rocksprings.

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Range Production

By CHARLES E. HUGHES, Armour Analysist

IMPROVEMENT of the range grazing areas is increasingly accepted as our No. 1 objective if the West and Southwest are to retain their established leadership as suppliers of cattle and sheep. Reseeding with better grasses is important, but inseparably linked with reseeding are such practices as water conservation, use of fertilizers, and brush control. Furthermore, practical ranchers will tell you that some of the less spectacular measures – such as judicious rate of stocking, better herdage, strategic salting and feeding, and improved grazing systems – will do fully as much.

In range management practice, no set of rules can be adopted for every situation; each rancher must chose those improvement practices which apply to his particular set of conditions. The following is an endeavor to present an up-to-the-minute report on some of the 30 to 40 possibilities for increasing production.

Save the Water, Use It Later

Over vast reaches of the range states nothing has brought more hopes and fears to ranchers than water, the prime factor limiting forage and livestock production. Their concern is accentuated today by dust storms and lowering water tables.

Unless our faltering efforts toawrd "seeding" the clouds for rain-making take a turn for the better, nothing in the offing will consistently put more water on the range – it therefore becomes a matter of trapping the surplus during those rare spells of superabundant rainfall and saving it for judicious use over a future period. But how – by small dams, spreader dikes, contour terracing, grooving, pitting, stock watering reservoirs, or good management of rain-conserving vegetation?

Small Dams, Dikes, Terraces

What can be accomplished by saving soil and water has been demonstrated on the Banning-Lewis Ranches, near Colorado Springs, Colorado. Here, as in many other sections, heavy downpours from the mountains (occasionally 2 to 3 inches within an hour) come during the summer, followed by prolonged periods of scant rainfall.

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PITTING PAYS IN WEST TEXAS

Speeding up recovery of range by making water holding pits proved to give good results. Seeding after pitting is often helpful, too. Here is picture of Geo. Sisco pitting and drilling in native grass seed on a depleted area in the North Concho Soil Conservation District. Pitting and reseeding is being done on the Geo. Weddell farm, northwest of Water Valley. The range is in poor condition and the pitting is being done on a contour. Sideoats, grama and bluegrama planted.

Here is a scene on the Pleas Childress Turkey Roost Ranch in the Soil Conservation District of Crockett County. Range pitting applied previous summer is growing good cover of annual weeds, tallow weeds, daisy, Texas and California filagree, blue flax and Dakota verbena. Buffalograss and tobosa is shown to be spreading. A significant indication is the complete absence of vegetation between pits. The area is still suffering from a three-year drouth.

have practiced soil and water conservation on 30,000 acres of these ranches for the past 25 years, recently in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service. On these ranches today are several water-holding dams, many spreader dikes, and more than 2,000 miles of terraces. The water-holding dams (the largest is 1,000 feet across) draw from extensive watersheds higher up the slopes and impound water during the brief rainy seasons – enough normally to water the land below and supply the cattle for the rest of the year. The earthen spreader dikes, bull-dozed across the natural draws, check the speed of flow from the water-holding dams by diverting the water around the dike ends. The water continues down the slope, soon to be intercepted by other spreader dikes. This series of interruptions enables far more moisture to soak into the ground.

The contour terraces, built 39-35 feet apart with a tractor and grader,

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GOATS CONTROL LIVE OAK SPROUTS

On the J. M. Vander Stucken ranch in Sutton County, a part of the Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District, the brush was bulldozed. This photograph shows live oak sprouts after three summers of concentrated grazing with goats – 3 to an acre – put in pasture when sprouts began growth in spring. The goats were moved out when the sprouts were grazed off; then put in again and pastured most of the frost-free period. These sprouts were controlled effectively, apparently, and grass stand was improved. The grass includes curly mesquite, Texas winter grass, sideoats grama, threeawns. Before bulldozing brush was thick to fairly thick and pasture was mostly threeawns.

KR BLUESTEM IN PUSHED CEDAR COUNTRY

On the Foster S. Price ranch three miles northwest of Edith, Texas, in the Coke County Soil Conservation District, KR bluestem and sideoats grama is shown in this picture to be making good growth along with native grasses in pushed cedar country. KR bluestem, sideoats grama and blue grama were seeded with attachment on bulldozer to drop seed in holes made where trees were pushed out.

RESTING HELPS PASTURE

On the Parr-Pate Ranch eight miles from Alpine in the Big Bend Soil Conservation District, grass on pasture rested during the summer for the last two years showed that grazing management designed to leave enough cover on the land to get the next rain into the ground is good range management practice. This often provides the fastest and most economical method of range improvement. The picture shows grass on pasture rested during summer for the past two years. Only twelve inches of rain fell in 1951, yet Pate did not have to start feeding until February, which he does almost every year. Under summer rest, grass is making remarkable recovery in this picture.

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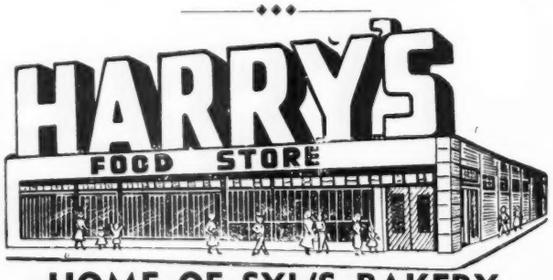


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check the erosive effect of rapid runoff on the wide, sloping expanse of grazing lands, and, at the same time, make more of the water available for future grass growth. The Lewises estimate that these measures and others have increased forage production and livestock carrying capacity from 30 to 50 percent.

Stock Water Improvements

The need for further development of wells, springs and reservoirs is a concept that finds an increasingly wider acceptance. As to their possibilities for boosting carrying capacity, William B. Wright, manager of the Marys River Ranch, Deeth, Nevada, speaks from experience when he says:

"It is rather surprising what a pencil-sized stream of water can be made to do with adequate, tight storage and proper preparation of the supplying spring. We have several situations where the spring happened to be only a wet weather water hole before we developed them."

Pitting the Range

Pitting, where adaptable, is a measure that has made headway both experimentally and under ranch conditions. An ordinary one-way or Wheatland plow, with every other disc removed and the remainder set 2 inches off-center, is used to scoop out small pits for catching and holding surplus water — up to .3 of an inch before the newly-dug pits overflow. A 10-foot disc will cover approximately 5 acres an hour, at a cost of about $1.00 per acre.

The mixed shortgrass type of range seems best suited for pitting practice, because experiments on other types of range failed to show any appreciable increase in forage production. In University of Wyoming experiments pitting has increased the growth about one-third.

Variability in results is borne out by experience. W. R. Krueger, whose ranch is situated west of Cheyenne, has pitted about 1,000 acres, and his results compare favorably with the University experiments. He expects to pit more of his range to remedy a sodbound condition developing in the grama grass. On the other hand, Don Steiger of Hulett, in Northeastern Wyoming, has pitted without getting any increase in carrying capacity or growth of cool season grasses.

Irrigated Pastures

Pasture irrigation to make fuller use of the available water is a rapidly-growing practice, designed to augment the livestock producing capacity of the West. The water is applied either by flooding or by one of the newer methods, such as sprinkling.

Three years of records from Buffalo Rapids, Montana, show over 600 pounds of beef per acre yearly from irrigated pastures. Alan Rogers of Ellensburg, Washington, cut his beef cost from $15.37 per hundred-weight, the range figure, to approximately $8.00 per hundred-weight on irrigated pasture. Rogers reminds us that the $8.00 is the cost of just one operation, not the total for producing 100 pounds of finished beef.

Don Steiger sprinkles 70 acres of Modified Huntley Mixture (smooth brome grass, Kentucky bluegrass, orchard grass, alta fescue, ladino, and red clover). He applies 3 inches of water every three weeks, securing his water from the Belle Fourche River. He estimates that irrigation increases carrying capacity by 100 percent.

George Razor, near Pine Bluffs, in Southeastern Wyoming, has 45 acres of irrigated pastures, including brome, intermediate wheatgrass, and yellow blossom sweet clover. Last summer he filled a 250-ton trench silo from this pasture. His chief aim is to boost the milk flow of his beef cows, which calve too early in the spring to get an immediate stimulus from pasture.

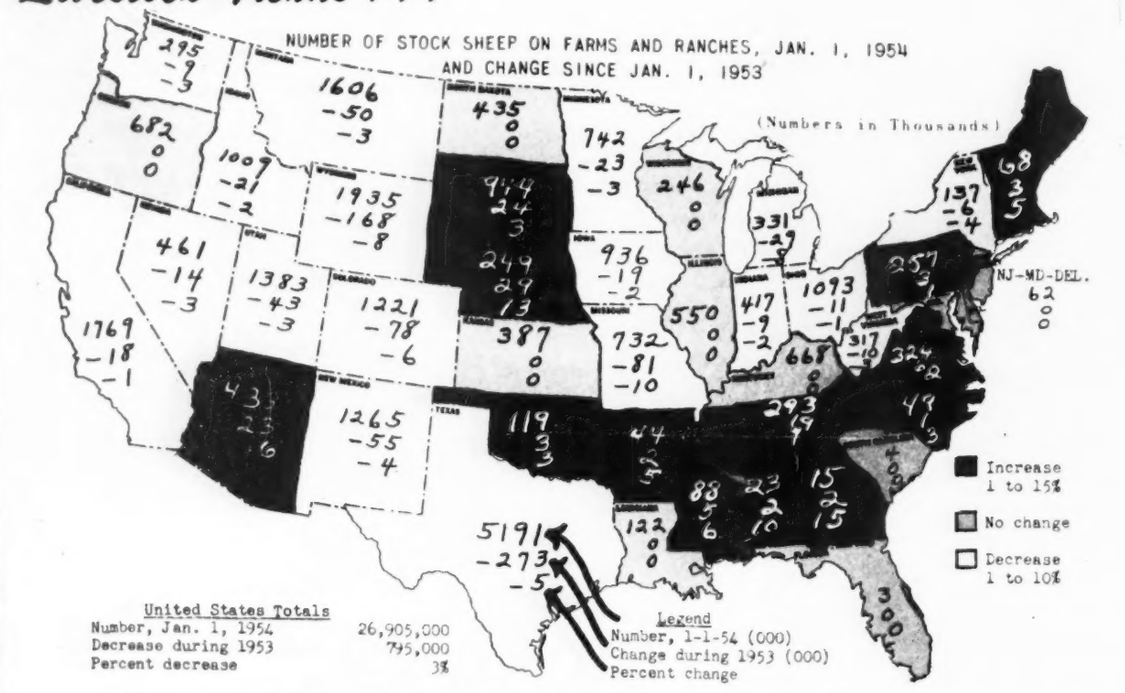
R. L. Lang, range management specialist at the University of Wyoming, tells us that our supply of pasture irrigation water could go much farther if used more efficiently. In too many casse, the water runs all summer, saturating the ground, smothering the desirable grasses, and encouraging the growth of sedges and rushes. Intermittent irrigation of mountain meadows in Colorado tests produced more and better hay, with 40 percent less water, than when irrigated by continuous flooding.

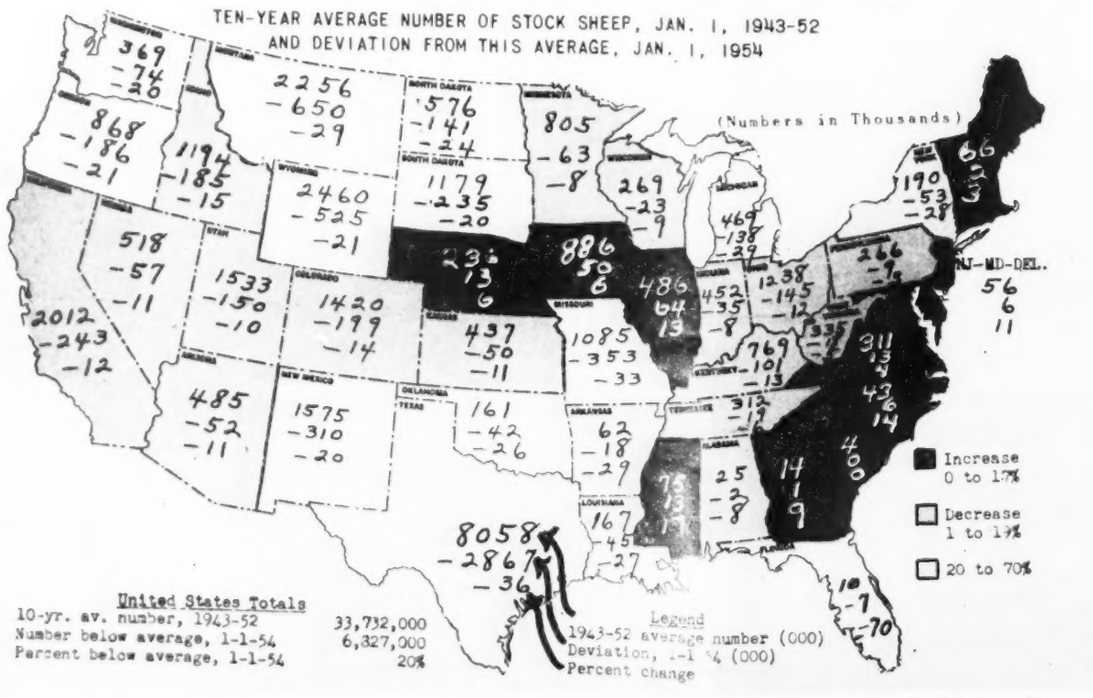
Vegetation Conserves Moisture

L. A. Stoddart, head of the range management department at the Utah State Agricultural College, believes that the direct way to water conservation in this country is the kind of range management that allows natural vegetation to conserve water and soil. Water intake studies last year at the Bighorn National Forest in Northern Wyoming revealed that the amount of rainfall the open range can absorb at a time depends on how much vegetation and mulch are covering the soil surface.

Harold B. Sprague, formerly of the Texas Research Foundation, reports that, in the upper three inches of bare or sparsely covered soils, the summer temperatures run from 10 to

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40 degrees higher than in soils clothed with solid vegetative cover. Those higher temperatures also naturally increase evaporation.

Fertilizers Can Improve Range Production

Another question in range improvement is the value of fertilizing range lands, irrigated pastures, and mountain meadows. This is virtually an untouched field.

Range plants, like cultivated plants, respond to fertilizer treatments, but the fertility levels of range soils differ widely, and results vary by localities and even from ranch to ranch. In Wyoming tests, dryland grasses, especially the cool season species, respond favorably to the nitrogen fertilizers. Ranch experiments near Gunnison and Hayden, Colorado, suggest the value of nitrogen on mountain meadows, while Wyoming meadow trials have turned out favorably with both nitrogen and phosphorous fertilizers.

Wallace Johnson, range conservationist at the Manitou Experimental Forest, in Central Colorado, opines that reseeded pastures, because of their higher yields, make greater demands on soil fertility and soil moisture than do native pastures. Wyoming experiments indicate that a combination of intense renovation plus ammonium nitrate will increase greatly the productivity of old dryland seeded pastures (without a legume), if rainfall is adequate.

Our Fight To Control Brush

One phase of range management that commands more attention every year is brush control. In the Southern Great Plains it is the most valuable tool for range improvement, having increased production from 50 to 75 percent per acre near Woodward, Oklahoma. The carrying capacity of grass on big sagebrush range in the Upper Snake River Plains of Idaho was 40 to 100 percent higher, when measured 12 to 15 years following a planned burning of brush, than the adjacent, unburned range.

In some areas, particularly the Southwest, chemical control with herbicides such as 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T has been gaining in popularity over mechanical clearance, the other method of major importance. Both chemical and mechanical control are far more satisfactory in reasonably moist years, when brush is making good growth, according to Dave Savage, superintendent of the U. S. Southern Great Plains Field Station. Active growth in late spring and early summer depletes the root reserves of plant food, making the brush more vulnerable to chemical treatment. Savage reports that, due to drought conditions, relatively little chemical control work was undertaken last year in his area.

Many Texas ranchers have held that mesquite should not be completely eradicated, for cattle can subsist on the pods during droughts and also make use of the shade. However, Savage reminds us that more and more are relinquishing this position, realizing that living mesquite specimens remain as foci for further infestations.

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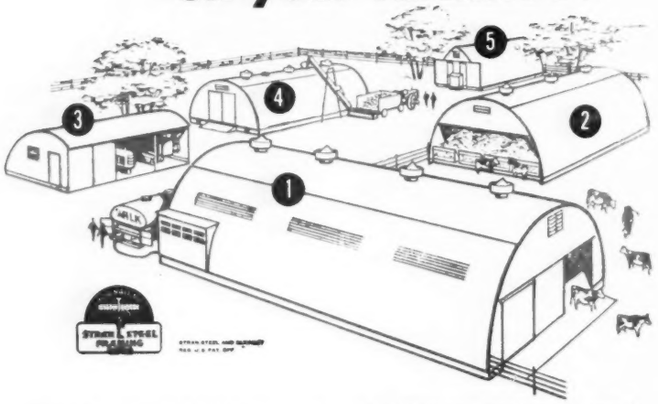


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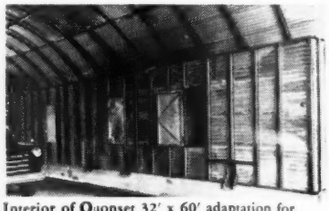


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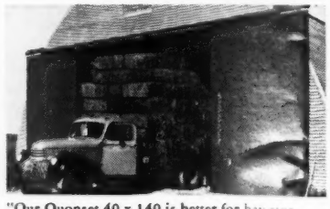
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making the disadvantages outweigh the advantages. In one sense, there is no need for debate, for with present methods it is virtually impossible to secure a 100-percent kill, anyhow.

Seek The Best Stocking Rate

The preponderance of research findnigs point to moderate grazing as being more rewarding – in terms of forage yield, beef production per acre, and profit – than either heavy or light grazing.

Moderate grazing over a ten-year period (1940-49) brought an average annual return of $1,238 per section, compared with $983 and $905 for heavy and light grazing, respectively, at the Central Plains Experimental Range in Eastern Colorado. As defined by G. E. Klipple, range conservationist at the Station, moderate grazing constitutes 40 percent removal of the short grass vegetation, compared with 60 percent for heavy and 20 percent for light. Death losses run higher on heavily grazed land, for cattle are inclined to eat poisonous plants when the proportion of desirable grasses is diminished.

How Much To Leave

"Take half and leave half" is a catch phrase that has been suggested as a guide for ranchers, indicating the proportion of a year's grass growth that safely can be used. The remaining half serves as a manufacturer of plant food.

This rule can be applied only to certain kinds of range, whereas a much higher proportion of the forage can be grazed on others. For example, in the Southern Great Plains, where sand sagebrush provides litter and some protection from the elements, Savage tells us that 60 percent or slightly more of the grass can be safely removed.

Flora Reflects Range Condition

Johnson has explained the interrelationship of forage plants under various degrees of grazing. For example, Arizona fescue and mountain muhly are the two chief forage plants in this forest grazing area of Central Colorado, but, when the natural growth is overgrazed, blue grama tends to come in. The blue grama in this area is a low producer and less palatable.

Fringed sagebrush likewise becomes more plentiful when the bunch grasses are grazed down. This species, unpalatable but one having considerable feeding value, is furthermore a good drought indicator. On this range during the past five dry years fringed sagebrush has increased 100 percent on moderately grazed and 300 percent on heavily grazed land.

Overstocking A Deception

Overgrazing, an inflammatory term, applies to a condition that actually exists, but one that has been unduly blamed for a wide assortment of situations. Good ranchers are well aware of the evils of overgrazing and avoid it whenever possible. However, there are times, such as drought periods, when ranchers can not move their cattle quickly enough to avoid a certain amount of overgrazing.

Grazing Management

Whether to practice rotational or continuous grazing of range land also has received attention from students of range management. Theoretically, it would seem that the rest period should benefit the range but in experimental pastures at the U. S. Southern Great Plains Field Station, yearling steers on continuously grazed summer pastures gained 60 pounds more per head than those which were moved to a different pasture every two months. The difference was only 15 pounds per head where the shift was made at 30-day intervals. No difference was noted between rotational and continuous grazing where the cattle were shifted at 15-day intervals.

To many it came as a surprise that tests have shown continuous grazing to be superior to rotational. There are at least two explanations: For one, the grass on rotated pastures is inclined to grow too mature for maximum use by yearling cattle. Secondly, cattle on continuously grazed pasture have free access to all of the forage when the feed value is highest, while the cattle on rotated pastures are restricted at any given time.

Deferred grazing is far more practical under most range conditions than rotational grazing, according to Savage. He advises that a rancher use only four-fifths of his range in any one year. The ungrazed fifth is allowed to cure for winter use. This system gives every part of the range a rest every five years.

Avoidance of overgrazing in some places and undergrazing in others can bring about more efficient utilization of forage and production of livestock. Savage notes a rapid drop-off in grazing beyond a half-mile from the source of water, and Lang reports that on gently rolling land the cattle should not have to travel more than 2 miles for water, and even less on rough land. Six years of study on the North-

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Otho Whitefield of Friona, one of Texas' leading breeders of Columbia sheep, writes that on July 4 his country was doing as well as the drouth will permit. "About everything east of us had lots of rain since April, but from here west it is very bad. Irrigation makes our country look very good. Besides fighting the drouth, we are plagued with the coyotes and dogs in our sheep. Even so, we are in better shape than last year. Our stock is doing nicely – water would make more grazing."

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Maybe the hoss is on its way out but it can sure wear that sorta tail a lot more graceful than the gals do.

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Once I had a dog that it looked like never would learn not to tie into every skunk he met. He finally did learn, though, just before he was old enough to die. I expect this country'll be about that old before it learns to stay outta furrin squabbles.

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There's a range cow out this way so smart she can break through any kind of fence, but once she's in a dry pasture where there ain't no water she can't find her way out. Almost human, that critter.

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Because of his interest in Merino sheep, Mr. Swart is donating his services to the Association. He is one of the larger breeders and is the owner of the Charmar Farms located in Greene County, Pennsylvania, where you will find 1,500 Merino ewes and lambs turning bluegrass and clover into lamb and wool. This is a sound business venture and not a hobby with Mr. Swart. In addition to Merino sheep, he has a herd of purebred Hereford cattle.

The other Directors of the Association are: Grover Krantz, Vice-President; Carter Andrew, Vice-President; John L. Ryant; Ralph Richards; John Deeds; L. A. Kauffman; and Mrs. J. W. Mailliard.

Dr. D. S. Bell, who has served the Association faithfully as Secretary-Treasurer for the past four years, has found that his responsibilities at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio, make it impossible for him to carry on as Secretary-Treasurer of our Association and has, accordingly, tendered his resignation. His duties there include the supervising and preparing of all reports of the work on sheep. He is especially interested in the field of crossbreeding.

When Dr. Bell explained the situation in which he finds himself, it seemed to the Board they had little choice in the matter, and reluctantly accepted his resignation. It is hardly necessary to say that Dr. Bell, or Don as he is affectionately known, will continue to support the Association and recommend Merino sheep, the breed he has always promoted and advanced as fundamental to the sheep industry. Even though he is no longer an officer of the Association, he is just as much interested in the problems of the breeders of Merino sheep, and you will find him ready to help you.

The Merino breeders held their annual picnic on June 26, 1954, at the Maple Lawn Farm of Paul Aitken on Route 4, East Pike, Zanesville, Ohio. The picnic was attended by about 200 breeders and their friends from Ohio, West Virginia, and Western Pennsylvania. There was the usual number of well-filled baskets, and in spite of a temporary delay caused by a severe storm just as the crowd was ready to sit down to dinner, a very appetizing and social meal was enjoyed. Carter Andrew of Nineveh, Pennsylvania, demonstrated with his border collie how much a good sheep dog can help the shepherd.

It was intentionally planned not to have a formal meeting of the Board or members at the picnic, but that did not stop the serious conversation concerning the present and future problems of the Merino breeder. It was not difficult to detect the feeling of confidence that the visitors have in the future of the Merino breed of sheep. They have recovered from the recent scare put out by the makers of the so-called "wonder fabrics." They now realize that wool is the "wonder fabric."

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me. How do the dealers know there ain't no market for what a feller's raisin' this year, and why don't they know it till after he has it planted?

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Hod Frazzey has sold off every head of stock on his place, but bought a shedfull of summer hay same as usual. Says he has to have the balin' wire to keep his tools and fences in repair.

It does beat all how many well-known citizens we've got in this country that nobody ever heard of till they announce for office.

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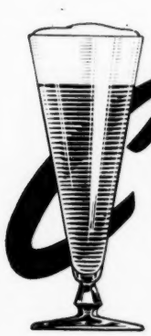
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DOLPH BRISCOE, SR.

DOLPH BRISCOE, SR., 64, Uvalde, Texas, ranchman and warehouseman, died at his home July 15, after suffering a heart attack. Mr. Briscoe owned ranches in LaSalle, McMullen, Dimmit, Webb and Uvalde Counties.

He was a past president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, past vice-president of the Texas Livestock Marketing Association and past vice-president of the National Finance Credit Association. He was president and major owner of the Uvalde Wool and Mohair Company.

Surviving are his wife, one son, Dolph, Jr., State Representative from Uvalde; two grandchildren, Dolph Briscoe III and Janie Briscoe, Uvalde.

R. H. PRICE

R. H. PRICE, 82, Pecos County ranchman, died in Memorial Hospital, Fort Stockton, July 4.

Born in Bell County in 1872, Mr. Price moved with his family to Sterling County when a child. He married Miss Maggie Fields in Sterling City in 1898. The couple moved to Fort Stockton in 1903 and purchased a ranch southeast of Fort Stockton.

He served as an inspector for the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association for a number of years.

Surviving are his wife and four children, Aubrey L. Price, Fort Stockton ranchman; Mrs. Mildred Warner and Mrs. E. A. Robertson, Fort Stockton, and Mrs. Gayle Crawford of Midland; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WILLIAM O. FOSTER

WILLIAM OSCAR FOSTER, 55, ranchman of Val Verde and Kinney Counties, died in a San Antonio hospital June 26. Mr. Foster had ranched in Val Verde and Kinney Counties for 27 years.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Ross Foster; three grandchildren; his father, James E. Foster; a brother, Herbert Foster; and two sisters, Mrs. Lee Billings of Del Rio and Mrs. Con Brown of Silver City, N. M.

JACK FOKES

JACK FOKES, 51, Judge of Val Verde County, died at his home in Del Rio June 17.

Judge Fokes was born in San Angelo in 1902, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Fokes. He moved with his family to Del Rio in 1906, where he lived most of his life.

He owned a ranch in Val Verde County, was assistant cashier in the Del Rio National Bank five years and was later associated with his son, Jack M. Fokes, in contracting. He was appointed county judge in 1953 and was a candidate for the office in the next election.

Surviving are his wife, a son, Jack M. Fokes of San Antonio; a sister, Mrs. Fred Zuehl of Del Rio, and a granddaughter.

E. M. ZUBERBUELER

EMIL ZUBERBUELER, Comstock rancher, died July 5 at his home.

Mr. Zuberbueler was born in Las Vegas, New Mexico, 74 years ago. He moved to Shumla in 1898, and from there he moved to Comstock in 1906. He married Miss Louise Haby January 14, 1909.

Mr. Zuberbueler was affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Catholic men's organization.

Survivors include the widow; five daughters, Mrs. Walter King, Mrs. Martin King, Mrs. L. W. Kesler, and Mrs. Francis Skehan of Comstock and Mrs. A. P. Riedel of Del Rio; a son, John U. Zuberbueler, a sister, Mrs. William Berger of Dunlay; and seven grandchildren.

MRS. ROSA MITCHELL

MRS. ROSA MITCHELL, 83, widow of the late James Mitchell, Pecos and Crockett County ranchman, died July 2.

Mrs. Mitchell was born in Whitesboro, Texas, the daughter of the John Patricks, pioneer ranching family in Hamilton and Crockett Counties. She moved with her parents to Hamilton as a small child and to San Angelo when she was a young girl. The family moved to Crockett County as soon as a home could be built there. They lived on what is now the J. W. Henderson, Jr., ranch.

On November 4, 1892, she married Mr. Mitchell, a native of Scotland, who had come to the United States several years before. The couple lived at their home which Mr. Mitchell built shortly after their marriage until the time of their retirement from active ranching in 1917. They then moved to San Anotnio where they lived for 18 years. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell moved to their newly purchased Pecos County ranch on October 17, 1936; at that time they also owned a part of the John Allison ranch known as the Mitchell place.

After her husband's death in 1938, Mrs. Mitchell began spending the winters in San Antonio, where she made many lasting friends. She was a member of the Travis Park Methodist Church in San Antonio.

Survivors include three sons: J. C. Mitchell of El Paso, John Mitchell of Ozona, W. C. Mitchell of Fort Stockton; one daughter, Mrs. J. C. Montgomery of Fort Stockton. Also surviving are four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Range

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ern Great Plains ranges show that the development of watering places — the stock dams, springs, and windmills — is one of the best ways of attracting cattle from bottomlands to less favored areas.

Salting is also another trick for luring cattle to less favored locations. And it has been found that salt and water need not be located close together, for California observations reveal that an average of 7½ hours elapsed between the time the animals ate salt and when they drank water, even though they could have walked directly from salt to water in 20 minutes.

The use of more bulls and frequent range riding to distribute the males is advocated for getting a larger calf crop when the herd is grazing in rough country. Riding is also effective in distributing the cattle more uniformly about the grazing area. The placement of feeding stations on portions of the range which otherwise would be little used accomplishes a similar purpose. Daniel M. and Arthur D. Miles, father and son near Livingston, Montana, have as many as 50 miles of electric fences to keep the cows on the high foothills, for otherwise they would be inclined to graze the lower land and neglect the higher.

Parasite control, protein feeding when needed, and the provision of mineral supplements are further steps leading to increased livestock production on the range.

Volumes could be written on the twenty-odd phases of range management discussed and mentioned in the current and February issues of Armour's Analysis. Reseeding with improved grasses is limited to suitable areas and the rancher's ability to make the initial cash outlay and pay the maintenance cost. And, as with forage seed development, some of the other measures, such as water conservation, brush control, and fertilizer use, need a tremendous amount of additional research, with attention to practical use.

A survey of the available knowledge and know-how does not fail to impress one with the variety and potency of measures that can be employed, singly or in combinataion, to improve the productivity of range grazing areas. Equipped with these tools, plus the comforting thoughts of general population increase and the growing consumer demands, ranchers of the West should be able to face recurrent drouths and regional competition with a greater degree of confidence.

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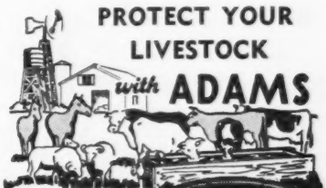
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Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER CHICAGO BUREAU

FOLLOWING STEADILY supplied price pressure during May and the greater part of June, choice and prime steers and heifers are basically bullish. Considerable loss suffered earlier has been regained, the record heat waves standing as about the only adverse factor between temporary declines and at least a creeping advance. Wholesale beef markets involving better grade beef have improved enough to encourage finishers not only of 60 to 90 cattle, preferable with weight, but long feds scaling up to 1500 lbs. Now the consensus is that the weather man may more or less run things in late July and August, precluding anything like a boom market, but overall permitting a trade whereon high-good to prime kinds will well pay their way. Such cattle, as August approached, fluctuated unevenly strong to as much as a dollar per cwt. higher than mid-June. The practical top on steers at Chicago was $27.00, with $27.50 paid occasionally, but no more often, as the peak fell during excessive receipts or sticky weather. Then $26.50 was the outside price.

Against slight improvement in better grade steers, utility to low-good grades had declined as much as $2.00. In some instances $3.00 because stocker and feeder cattle, including stock calves had lost $2.00 to $3.00. Beef cows and most slaughter bulls, including bolognas, had shared this decline which was slow in arriving but struck hard in late June and early July. And hardly promised to level off until late August, if then. Chicago seemed to be only the fringe of very extensive marketings of "cheap" steers and grassy cows, good to prime steers still predominating. Just the same, increased quota of utility and commercial steer and heifer beef, along with increased marketings of cow beef from west and southwest, had depressed the hangrail prices $2.00 or more.

And stocker and feeder cattle, the subject of much trade comment in May and June were, we repeat, $2.00 to $3.00 lower. The decline in replacements developed swiftly about the time choice and prime fed steers began to improve at Chicago. This made cornbelt finishers feel better about future feeding margins during the fall and next winter on cattle laid in after late June. As for relatively high replacement prices paid during late winter and early summer, the threatened creeping advance in better grade fat cattle might take care of that. Feeding margins on the cattle bought before January 1 have remained broad, but until the tide turned, late winter and spring purchases had begun to feel the pinch. Around mid-June when we wrote you last, the eight-market average in stocker and feeder cattle, calves excluded, was $18.84. By mid-July this had been trimmed to $16.26. The Kansas City average over this period fell from $19.19 to $15.80. Chicago and Omaha lost heavily, much more sharply than Fort Worth.

This decline wave hit all over, however, dry weather in Montana, Wyoming and Colorado finally becoming serious enough to enforce liquidation of grass steers, heifers and especially cows. Ranchers in most western areas seemed to be holding young cows and calves. Immediate delivery rather than contract buying was the rule, indicating that the Cornbelt, having rushed to fill feedlots early in the year at advancing prices, but stymied in the matter of working stock cattle lower in late spring and early summer because of rains in the Southwest, finally saw things work out their way again. But only if better grade fat cattle and beef hold current levels over what promises to be the hottest summer on record; and then stage at least a modcrate advance when dog days are done. The mid-July heat wave saw dressed beef prices better than the live market, rather optimistic for the future, the trade predicted. In this connection the biggest July cattle run at Chicago in 20 years saw beef selling higher.

Of course these excessive runs were promptly pared, temporarily falling to lowest of the year to date. But there

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Native Plants That You Will Enjoy

By JEWELL CASEY

The YELLOW SENSITIVE BRIAR (Neptunia lutea) also known as Tickle vine, the Touch-me-not, and "Ten Verguenza" is a very attractive plant with prostrate prickly stems several feet in length, with twice pinnate leaves of many little leaflets, which fold together when touched.

The creeping branches are armed with recurved prickles which are almost hidden by the numerous sensitive leaflets. A member of the Mimosa Family, the flowers consist of fluffy, fragrant yellow flowers about the size of marbles. Another attraction of this vine is the pods, in clusters, which turn a rich brown, snap open and curl around, making an arrangement which remains on vine for a long time, giving the appearance of unusual flowers. This plant is pretty in rock garden, or where a ground cover is needed. It prefers dry gravelly soil, requiring little attention.

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AMETHYST ASTER (Aster texanus) or Common Blue Aster, glorifies the autumn landscape, inasmuch as scientists have named 250 varieties of this very hardy plant in North America. Branched and bushy is the Blue Aster, whose generous masses of small, pale lavender to blue flower heads look like a mist hanging from one to six feet above the soil in and about the woods and roadsides. Beginning to display their daisy-like flower-heads early in August, the asters continue to bloom until late fall. They are especially showy when planted in masses, require little care, attract butterflies and are excellent as cut flowers. Roots may be easily transplanted, and while seen in dry, rocky soil, asters respond to rich, moist soil in a pleasing manner. The silvery seeds, attached to silky parachutes are almost as attractive as the flowers.

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The BLACK JACK OAK (Quercus marilandica) one of our beloved native trees, is usually found in poor soil. It oftens grows on dry, or poorly drained gravelly clay, or sandy upland soil where few other trees thrive. Doubtless this accounts for its unusually slow rate of growth. The tree sometimes reaches a height of 50 to 60 feet, but usually much smaller. The dark, rich green, leathery textured leaves are dark on upper surface and lighter underneath. They are broadly wedge-shaped. The fruit, a yellowish-brown acorn, enclosed for about half its length in a thick light-brown cup, is bitter, but are relished by squirrels. The Black Jack makes a pretty shade, and no tree has more gorgeously colored leaves in the autumn-time.

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RAIN. That's the magic word in the Southwest range country that would revive ranchers, pastures and livestock markets.

Drouth conditions may not be as severe in some areas this summer as they were last year and the year before, but the over-all picture is about the same and one of the major influences in the livestock market.

Unusually hot winds and extremely high temperatures have seared grazing lands and driven livestock to shade, resulting in heavy loss of weight.

With no prospects of relief in sight from this drouth and heat, farmers and ranchers are selling their livestock rather than sustain the loss of further shrinkage.

Also, a growing shortage of hay, feed and water is causing many livestockmen to reduce their herds.

Impact of these forced marketings is now hitting Southwest stockyards. For example, more than twice as many sheep and lambs arrived at San Antonio from July 1 through July 20 than during the same time last year, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Receipts totaled slightly more than 7,700 head. Spring feeding and shearing lambs made up a large share of the supplies with slaughter lambs relatively scarce during most sessions.

As a result, prices worked out rather steady for slaughter lambs with utility and good grades closing the period at $16 to $18. Choice lots were scarce.

Slack demand for plenty of aged sheep let prices slip as much as $1 to $2 per 100 pounds. Slaughter ewes were hit the hardest. Bulk cull and utility shorn ewes brought no more than $3.50 to $5 on July 20 at San Antonio.

Feeder lambs found a good outlet at San Antonio throughout July. Good and choice lots sold at $14 to $15 per 100 pounds on July 20, about a dollar or more higher than on the first of the month.

AMS estimated sheep and lamb receipts at 34,000 at Fort Worth during the first 20 days of July, slightly more than last year during the same period.

Spring lambs dominated supplies, and, as a result, were often under pressure. However, prices received their major support from the higher trend on carcass lamb and wholesale centers, especially New York.

So, despite some losses during the month, slaughter lambs were about

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appears no way to keep cattle runs moderate because of a record, or near-record, supply on feed plus well stocked ranges confronted with painfully dry weather in many areas. Dressed beef, with accent on better grades, is being retailed in the cities, about like the low levels of 1953, but measurably two years earlier. Consumers may be willing to pay more, yet so far have played cheap poultry and heavy cuts of pork for all these are competitively worth as price breakers in beef. And choice and prime beef at that. The fact that stock cattle are still moving back in slightly higher volume than a year earlier following a record movement January 1 to July 1, suggests that fed-shortfed as well as long-fed cattle must keep on seeking the market gate. Including January through June, the eight big replacement cattle markets returned about 412,000 thin cattle, calves excluded, compared with 287,000 a year earlier. Naturally a host of fat cattle have come back for slaughter, every month until June this year establishing either a year-to-year or an all-time record. June fell a little short but the fall was only a stumble, and early July is well ahead of last year. At mid-July slaughter steers at Chicago averaged about $2.00 higher than the same period a year earlier. Hog averages at various markets are $1.50 to $2.50 lower, however.

And this hog set-up and price scale spells considerable as a competitive factor in beef. Especially so since porcine supply gates have not yet opened wide, because growers are holding light and underweight spring croppers for more weight. Giant sow runs tell the story about spring pig litters whose eventual pork tonnage cattlemen must still reckon with. The meat-type 200 to 220-lb. hogs are still flying pretty high at $25.00 but 240's to 250's soon promise to take over the peak, whatever that price may be when growers start to unload in earnest. The lamb trade must also consider this impending supply of beef and pork.



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steady to slightly weaker on July 20 compared with July 1 at Fort Worth.

Good and choice springers realized $17 to $18 at the close of the period. These prices average about $2 per 100 pounds lower than last year at this time.

Slaughter ewes took the sharpest losses in the Fort Worth sheep market, closing about $2 lower July 20 than on July 1. This left cull to good ewes around $3 to $4 per 100 pounds.

San Antonio counted about 5,400 goats from July 1 through 20, compared with 5,300 during the same time last year. Slaughter kids made up the major share of these supplies, with mature offerings generally scarce.

These liberal supplies found a sharply restricted outlet during some sessions, resulting in prices mostly 50c to $1 lower than the first of the month. On July 20, medium and good slaughter goats bulked at $4.50 to $5.50 per 100 pounds, and slaughter kids at $3 to $4 per head.

Trading in stocker goats was limited at San Antonio because of the drouth.

Increasing numbers of cattle arrived at Southwest markets during July with fed cattle largely absent. Beef cows, mostly canners and cutters, and grassers made up a large share of the supplies.

Fed cattle held up fairly well but prices of beef cows sagged. They dropped $1 to $2 per 100 pounds from July 1 through 20.

Hog prices slipped, too. Choice butchers brought a top of $25 around July 1 but by July 20 they had dropped to $23.50.

Hill Country Fair and Race Meet To Feature Conservation

CONSERVATION of resources of the Hill Country will be the theme of the Hill Country Fair Association and Race Meet in 1954. It will be the central idea portrayed in the street parade which will open the Hill Country Race Meet, August 12-13-14. The parade will be held Thursday, August 12, on the streets of Junction.

The board of supervisors for the Upper Llano Soil Conservation District, of which Clay Holland is chairman, has been striving for a long time to increase the interest of the ranch people in soil and water conservation practices.

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Much work is going on to make the 1954 events sponsored by the Hill Country Fair Association the most useful and interesting in history. A race meet will be held in conjunction with a buck sale and entertainment features and a nightly dance will be offered also.

The annual meeting (dinner) of the American Suffolk Sheep Society will be held at 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 18, 1954, during the National Ram Sale, Ogden, Utah. The place of the meeting will be announced later.

If you hear excited reports coming in from Paris or perhaps South Switzerland that strange American signs have been seen in the vicinity, expect those signs to read "Shirley Livestock Commission Company, Fort Worth." The report is that Mrs. Clint Shirley was sent over there for a three-months tour to nail up Clint's signs.

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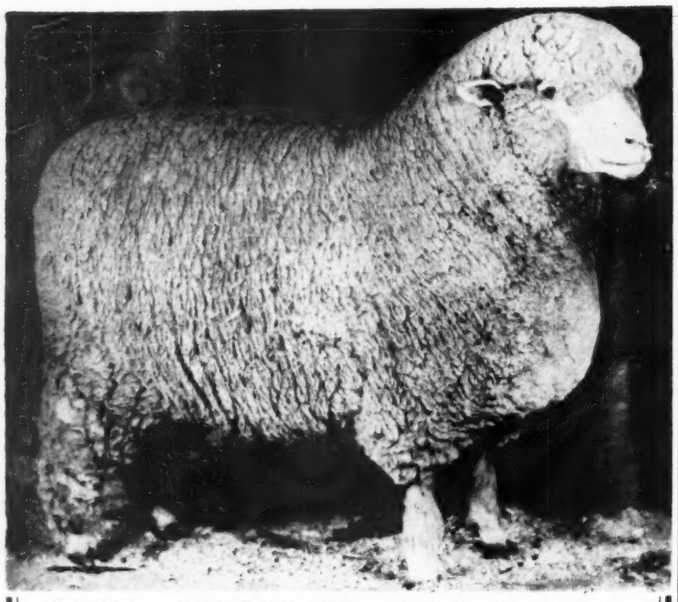
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Drought Disaster Counties Are Designated In West Texas

DESIGNATION of 54 counties and parts of five others in three states — Wyoming, Texas, and Colorado — as drought disaster areas has been announced by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson. Prolonged drought has caused serious deterioration of pastures in all or parts of these counties as listed.

The late July action follows President Eisenhower's designation of Wyoming and Texas as disaster areas under Public Law 875. Colorado already had been so designated. (Twenty-four counties in New Mexico also already have been designated drought areas.)

Counties placed in the emergency category by Secretary Benson include:

In Texas — Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Brown, Burnet, Comal, Comanche, Coryell, Erath, Hamilton, Hays, Kendall, Lampasas, Lee, Llano, McCulloch, Mason, Mills, San Saba, Travis, and Williamson.

There are a number of areas within these counties which have had irrigation or rain, and which therefore will not be eligible for drought relief.

Farmers and ranchers in drought disaster counties, if they require assistance under an emergency feed program to maintain their basic livestock herds, will be eligible to participate.

The USDA is prepared to join with drought-designated States in a Federal-State cooperative hay distribution program, similar to last year's. Under such an arrangement, the State would acquire and distribute the hay. Federal funds are available to pay transportation costs up to $10 per ton or not more than half the average actual transportation rate, whichever is less.

Farmers in drought areas for which Federal - State hay distribution programs are developed may apply to the Farmers Home Administration office in their county for assistance. The eligibility of applicant will be determined by the FHA county committees.

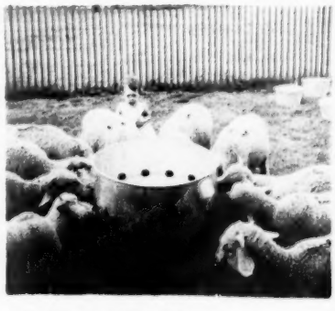
In the matter of loans, Secretary Benson said there are three types made by FHA that are particularly adapted to helping farmers and stockmen meet their credit needs for feed, seed, replacement livestock and other operating necessities.

The USDA has recently received new authority under the Surplus Disposal Bill for making CCC-owned feed grains available in drought-designated areas. The extent to which this authority will be used if needed to meet disaster conditions will depend on legal determinations and operating procedures now being developed, and on the extent to which drought conditions develop in their intensity.

Wm. Volkmann, Menard, reports that Tom Yates, San Saba, son of Mack Yates, recently selected a load of open face rams from the Volkmann flock. Mr. Volkmann reports that Mr. Yates was well pleased with the stock.

The Volkmann ranch is in fairly good condition with grass matured and cured. Conditions in July have been on the warm side and the range is needing rain.

Mr. Volkmann reports that the ram of the A-B-C pen which he purchased in the San Angelo Rambouillet sale from Pat Rose, Jr. of Del Rio sheared 19 pounds and came up with a wonderful body conformation and an ideal open face. He says he is very happy with the purchase.



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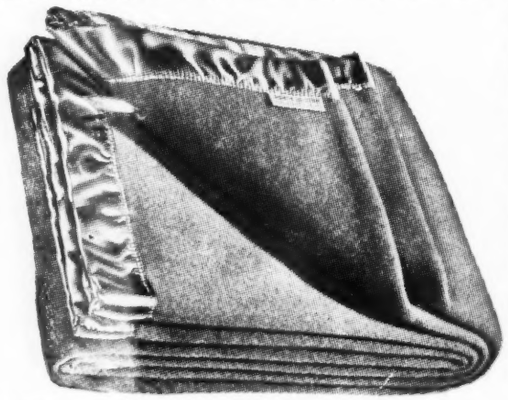
Vana Kay Belchell of Lubbock, Texas, granddaughter of L. W. Wittenburg, who ranches southwest of Eden, eagerly inspects a dinner time operation of the Wittenburg dogie lamb crop. This feeding tub, fitted with 14 spouts, is the answer to the difficult task of feeding dogie lambs. Each spout is fitted with a nipple and the lambs soon learn what the tub is for and how to use the outlets. The tub holds 12 gallons of milk and has a funnel-shaped bottom which enables the lambs to get every drop.

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The rams and wool remain the property of the man who bred the rams. The only charge by the Experiment Station, Sub Station 14 near Sonora where the test is being held, is for the feed the rams eat.

There will be a field day in April, 1955 when the rams have finished the test and during this field day an auction sale is planned, during which the breeders may sell the rams they choose and the buyers may look at the record of how the progeny rams in the sale have performed.

The innovation of an auction sale in connection with the progeny test and field day has been suggested a number of times and the directors of the event have decided to give the ranchmen an opportunity to see the rams and their performance record before buying.

REAL COUNTY ANGORA SALE ANNOUNCED

THE REAL County Angora buck sale will be held September 11 at Leakey, Texas, according to information received from Authur Davis of Sabinal. Dr. Davis says there will be about 80 bucks offered for sale, representing some of the choicest animals from the herds of 17 leading breeders.

Henry Maginot, San Angelo representative for Nichols & Company, Inc., Boston, purchased early in July around 200,000 pounds of wool at Las Vegas and Albuquerque, New Mexico, paying 45 to 50 cents.

August 6 is the date set for the annual field day of the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Association to be held in the Abilene State Park. H. C. Stanley, County Agent, is program committee chairman; Bobby Sales arrangements committee chairman and Sam Butman, food committee chairman.

The 1955 Austin Livestock Show will be held February 28 to March 6. The Capitol Area Farm and Ranch Club sponsors the show. T. G. Peters is secretary-manager of the show and Travis Larue is president of the club.

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U. S. Department of Agriculture Revises Stockyard Rules

OF KEEN interest to the livestock industry is the recent announcement of the Department of Agriculture that the Packers and Stockyards Act which was passed in 1921, revised in 1943, has been again revised with new regulations effective September 1.

The Packers and Stockyards Act is designed to protect the growers and operators in an open and competitive market for the services and facilities are regulated and supervised to prevent unfair practices. The new provisions are as follows:

1. Establish a standard with respect to the qualifications of persons desiring to register under the act as commission firms or leaders.

2. Require the few livestock exchanges which have dealers and packers as members to exclude such members from participation in making market rules governing the relations of commission firms with their producers-consignors.

3. Provide for registration under the act of regularly employed packer buyers.

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4. Increase the minimum bond coverage for registrants under the act from $2,000 to $5,000.

5. Provide that weights shown on accountings or bills issued by persons subject to the act shall be actual weights obtained on stockyard scales at the time of the sale unless appropriately explained on the accountings or bills issued.

6. Prohibit auctioneers, weighers and other employes of auction markets having comparable duties from buying livestock from consignments for any purpose for their own accounts.

7. Prohibit dealers and packers from owning, managing, financing, or being affiliated with commission firms.

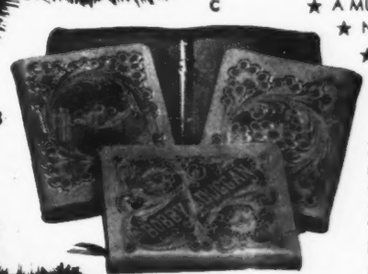
8. Require packers' scales to be maintained and operated in a manner comparable to scales at posed stockyards.

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CLUB BOYS OF FIVE COUNTIES PARTICIPATE IN RAM SALE

THE EVENT strictly for the young breeders! It will be a fine-wool breeding ram sale for the 4-H and FFA boys of five central West Texas counties. The boys are getting together in a sale on August 28 at the A. H. Murchison Memorial Barn at Menard. They will offer some of the best breeding rams in West Texas at the prices determined in the auction sale.

Practically all of the boys entering animals in the sale will have bred the sheep themselves. They are selling the sheep because they have come to the conclusion of their project with the animal and have no further need for him. The money that will be raised from the sale of these breeding sheep will be a start toward ranching or a stretch in college for the seller.

Scores of young boys and girls in the Southwest who are studying livestock production face a similar problem – the disposition of their surplus breeding animals. They usually do not get to participate in the major sales because they have too few sheep or because they can't meet the competition of the name breeders when they do offer their livestock in such sales. This is true even though it is the general rule, rather than the exception, that the young breeder is sponsoring a blood line of very definite merit and often the same blood line that the major breeders point to with pride.

Another reason for the sale sponsored by young breeders, and quite properly also a worthy consideration in the young breeders project of training, is the general improvement program for sheep in the area. It undoubtedly is true that much of the sheep breeding progress in many counties has been spurred immensely by the efforts and studies of the 4-H Club and FFA boys.

In the breeding program of the young ranchmen, highlighted by the sale of breeding stock, the training of the boys in the selection, breeding, management, showmanship and in sportsmanship is no little consideration. Many of the younger registered breeders are able to do a better job in handling the show sheep than their elders ever did. Likewise, it is apparent that many are going to, and perhaps already, breed better sheep than their fathers ever did, which is a good thing and should be encouraged.

Approximately 25 boys engaged in 4-H and FFA work of livestock breeding and management will offer approximately 90 head of choice Delaine and Rambouillet rams in the sale at Menard. A tentative and incomplete list of entries follows:

From Sutton County – Connie Mack Locklin and Eddie Smith.

From Kimble County – Donnie Bode, Lamar Itz, Ellis Ellebracht, Dene Simmons, Frank Randolph and Frank Tuchness.

From Schleicher County – Ken Love.

From Menard County – Jimmy Menzies, Scotty Menzies, John B. Landers, and Douglas Phillips.

Two boys from each county compose the board of directors of the boys club in charge of the sale. The sale itself is entirely non-profit and only a modest sum will be charged the seller – a minimum to take care of the auction ring and the miscellaneous expense.

All five county agents of the counties participating, plus the vocational agriculture teachers, are cooperating in this sale which is expected this year to be one of the best of the sheep industry of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Stanford of Eldorado, well known in registered sheep circles, are the grandparents of a baby girl born July 6. Their son, Sonny Stanford, the father, is in Korea. The mother is the former Iretta Faye Mace of Eldorado.

M. D. Harrell has assumed his duties as assistant vocational agriculture instructor in the Fredericksburg High School. He received his discharge from the armed service on July 7th. Mr. Harrell will be assistant to Joe Tatum, vocational agriculture instructor at the Fredericksburg High School. He is a graduate of Texas A & M. He taught in the veterans schools at Bandera two years; served in the Air Corps two years at Colorado A & M and at Bergstrom AFB, in Austin.

J. T. Davis, banker and ranchman of Sterling City, sold early in July 55 cull ewes at $5.50 per cwt. The ewes averaged 104 pounds. He received $15 and $19 per cwt. at Fort Worth for 777 lambs. He sold 660 lambs at $19 per cwt. They averaged 77.6 pounds. He received $15 per cwt. for 117 lambs, weighing 65 pounds.

Roland J. Hildreth has accepted the position of assistant professor of agricultural economics at Texas A & M College, College Station. Mr. Hildreth has been doing research work in farm management and teaching at Iowa State College the past two years. He has also served on the staff at the University of Minnesota.

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Mr. Shivers has run a wise, economical state government based upon a positive, conservative program for the benefit of all the people.

As for the ranch industry, Mr. Shivers has never failed it when called upon for assistance. His sympathetic, wise and beneficial assistance during the drouth is appreciated.

We believe that Texas will make a wise decision in returning Governor Allan Shivers to office.

This Ad Paid for by the Ranch Friends of Governor Allan Shivers

New Wool Serge Army Uniform Big Testimonial to U. S. Wool

THE START of procurement on the Army's new green general duty uniform is "biggest testimonial in years" to the American wool industry, the trade publication Daily News Record recently declared.

In two articles on the Army's plans for adopting the wholly new uniform, the authoritative daily noted that procurement of the production quantities would begin as early as mid-July.

Unofficial estimates indicate that more than 20 million yards of 16-ounce wool serge may be ordered before the end of 1957, the newspaper reports. With manufacturing costs, it adds, the total bill for the uniform may run to more than $150 million by the end of 1958.

"As of today, wool serge is the definite Army choice for the new uniform of pants and the single-breasted blouse," the nationally distributed trade publication says, calling the choice of this fabric a "solid victory for the wool industry."

When a blended fabric was used in initial tests of the new uniform, the publication explains, soldiers objected to its bagginess at the knees.

"Wool serge, it is said, does not have that defect," the publication says. "The Army, making that judgment, thus has twice upheld wool – for this uniform, and sometimes ago, as tropical worsted summer uniforms."

Congressional approval is needed before procurement of the green wool serge can officially start – but there is little doubt that the approval will be granted.

Under present plans, Army troops will be outfitted with two of the new uniforms. Issuance of the present OD uniform, which will continue until the new uniforms are available, will eventually be cut off.

The newspaper also said that the Army plans to begin issuance of the uniform in January, 1956. However, troops may be able to buy the uniform beginning January 1, 1955.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SAN ANGELO 74 YEARS OLD

THE FIRST National Bank, San Angelo's oldest banking institution, observed its 74th birthday anniversary July 29th.

The Concho National Bank was organized when San Angelo was only 14 years old. It was soon renamed the First National Bank. Leasel B. Harris was the first president.

The bank whose present day assets total more than 15 million dollars, was capitalized at $50,000 and increased to $70,000 in 1891, and to $100,000 in 1892. In 1905 stockholders raised the capital stock to $250,000.

C. R. Hallmark, today's president of the First National Bank, has been with the pioneer banking institution for 47 years. His is the longest personal record in the history of the bank.

Other officers include: Clarence Webb, executive vice-president and chairman of the board; T. Wayne Harris and Ray W. Willoughby, vice-presidents; J. Homer Jordan, Sr., active vice-president; William H. Ogilvy, cashier, Norman McNutt, H. A. Tyler, W. L. Logan, H. B. Andrew, D. C. Lummus, and H. C. Connally, Assistant Cashiers.

Directors are Frank Cannon, Emmett D. Cox, Will C. Jones, John Abe March, and the officers of the bank.

J. Wilse Owens, owner of 85 sections of land in Crockett County, recently was given a very nice write-up in a house magazine of a major oil company which has a lease and operation of the many oil wells on the ranch.

"Sheep are fine animals. But a flock of little ol' oil wells – now, there's something a man's right proud to own."



BANDERA SALE SCENE

Prices were spotty and the sale draggy, July 30, in the Bandera ram and buck sale, with only about fifty percent of the offering going through the ring. Many animals sold at private treaty. Jack Groff, left, had a lot of trouble with his loud speaker, which hurt the auction. Others in the picture shown are Col. Dan Alanice, Raymond Hicks, Mrs. D. E. Conwill, Taylor Wooton, Glenn Kinsey, James A. Galland and Lane Langford, who is president of the Bandera County Livestock Improvement Association, sponsor of the sale.

LAMB SALES START AT UVALDE

THE UVALDE Livestock Sales Company inaugurates this month a special lamb sale for which they have been preparing for a long time. This operation is starting August 6 and will feature the sale of feeder and stocker lambs from throughout the area and will be held on the first Friday of each month through December. Roy Kothmann, owner and operator of the sales company, is well experienced in handling sheep and the facilities at Uvalde for watering, feeding and handling are in fine condition and are adequate.

Arthur Dunbar is in charge of the sheep and goat business on the yard and he also is a qualified operator.

"The possibilities of Uvalde as a livestock feeding center have barely been scratched," recently declared Mr. Kothmann. "Much of this land is subject to irrigation and tremendous feed crops can and are being raised at this time. The center of a vast ranching area, Uvalde is certain to develop into a tremendous livestock feeding area and we want to help this along. This is why we are having our feeder lamb sale."

"BLACK CAT" SUGGESTIONS

THERE IS at least one black cat that is not always bedevilled by ill-omens. The Strathroy Age-Dispatch has an interesting column in which "Black Cat" mixes wit and wisdom in appropriate proportions from week to week. Back in April, sheep and wool were dealt with in timely comment on the good old jingle from children's lore:

Ba-ba Black Sheep, Have you any Wool?
Yes sir, Yes sir, Three bags full.

"These lines," says Black Cat, "recurred to us after reading, in Maclean's Magazine, the article on the new 'Miracle' fabrics. Now, more than ever, do we agree with Grandma that 'there is nothing so good as wool'.

"Perhaps the producing end of the wool industry will wake up to any threat to their supremacy, and advertise much as the dairy interests are now advertising in an effort to put margarine in its place. 'Wool for all Weathers' wouldn't be bad for a slogan. And how about getting the cooperation of the doctors? If, as a body, they put their weight behind a 'Wear Wool When Wheezy' campaign, it would get off to a good start and the outlook for sheep farming in this country would be very rosy. There soon would be sheep on every farm, and so much wool in the warehouses that, in order to get rid of it, red flannel nightshirts and petticoats would simply have to be reintroduced. This would complete the circle, with everybody healthy, wealthy and wise.

"Yes, indeed, we want wool. We Will Wear Wool Without Wincing."

— Canadian Co-op Wool News.

George Bean of Crockett County recently sold 500 Rambouillet lambs to L. A. Vanderford, San Angelo, at $16.50 per hundred.

Dave Foster with the Texas Grass Growers Association, Uvalde, is assisting in the installation of and the management of grass cleaning machinery which was formerly on the Soil Conservation Grass Experimental Laboratory at San Antonio. This laboratory has been closed under the reorganized Soil Conservation set-up. It was fortunate that the government decided to install this machinery at Uvalde, not only because Mr. Foster is at Uvalde but because Uvalde is the center of the vast grass seed growing area which is becoming more important each year. In addition, Mr. Foster's aid in getting this plant into proper operation will be invaluable, in as much as he was in charge of the machinery and the experimental laboratory for the Soil Conservation Service.

The feeding operations of Oscar Vickery of Uvalde is being subjected to keen scrutiny by the ranchman who know about it. Mr. Vickery is feeding 400 calves on green feed lot rations. The operation is taking place on the Moss ranch northwest of Uvalde and the calves are being fed from one long feed trough which has a divider in the center. An automatic conveyor dumps green feed in the trough which has a rounded bottom, and the cattle eat their fill without moving out of their tracks. They have been fed oats, hegari, buffel, blue panic, Caucasian, blue stem and KR blue stem, according to "Buzzie" Stokes.

Adolf Stieler, well known goat man of the Hill Country, recently made this comment: "I believe that two classes of livestock are certain to go up in price – goats and sheep – there are too few of them now."

The family of Charles Schreiner III, including Charles IV and Walter II, will move to Twin Dot, Montana, where they will live and ranch the country they have recently leased.



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PAPERS

WHEN JACK Richardson was selling his Angora goats, many of which were top registered animals when he purchased them at the leading auction sales, some of the bidders queried him about registration papers. "Don't worry about the paper on these goats," he yelled. "The bank has the paper on all of them."

AD LOOKED GOOD

"THE AD looked good and we have gotten several requests mentioning the ad. Interest is quite lively in the business and I hope that all the sales are well attended."

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Rocksprings, Texas.

H. V. "Buzzie" Stokes, who runs a feed and seed store at San Angelo and Uvalde, is the new livestock editor (temporarily) for the Uvalde Leader News, taking the place of Jo Ann Godell on vacation. He also has one of the finest irrigated stock farms in the Uvalde area.

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A good secretary is one who can keep up with her boss when he's dictating and ahead of him when he's not.

Billious Bill says, "Politics makes strange bed fellows, but they soon get accustomed to the same bunk."

A woman had eight children in 11 years. The night the oldest one, 12 year old Sally, tried on her Confirmation dress, her mother said, "Sally, honey, I think you're beautiful." The young girls face lit up. Then her mother added teasingly, "Of course, I'm prejudiced."

Sally's face fell. "Oh, Mother," she wailed, "not again!"

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Mother: "What are the young man's intentions?"

Daughter: "Well, he's been keeping me pretty much in the dark."

"I don't think Jim will be out of the hospital as soon as we thought."

"You see a turn for the worse?"

"No, I saw his nurse."

Back in the early days a certain small town needed a preacher badly. When a ministerial-looking fellow rode in on a horse, a committee met him. The conversation followed:

"Preacher?"

"Yep."

"What'll you charge to preach here Sunday?"

"Twenty-five dollars."

"We ain't got that much."

"All right, fifteen dollars."

"We ain't got that much neither."

"How much have you got?"

"Ain't you got a sermon you can give for about five dollars?"

"Yes, I have, but I warn you, it ain't worth a damn."

The man was trying out a saddle horse, having in mind purchasing it as a gift for his wife. Noticing that the horse was quite spirited and required a firm hand, he inquired of the owner, "Do you think that a woman could handle this horse?"

"Well," replied the owner after some deliberation, "let's put it this way . . . a woman could handle that horse all right, but I wouldn't want to be the husband of the woman who could do it."

An executive is a man employed to talk to visitors so that the other employees will have a chance to work.

A business tycoon and his nagging wife were motoring on a vacation. The husband was driving. Just as he was entering the city limits of a large town, another car with horn blowing wild and loud overtook him, the driver signalling him to the side of the road. As the tycoon stopped his car, the other driver shouted: "Say, mister, your wife fell out of your car ten miles back!" The tycoon slowly turned his head and viewed the empty seat and open door. "Thank heaven," he exclaimed. "For a while I thought I had gone stone deaf."

In a little town in Texas, Pedro was sipping his beer at a tavern when an excited friend rushed in. "Pedro!" he shouted, "I just saw a man go into your house and start making love to your wife!"

"Is that so?" replied Pedro calmly, and continued sipping his beer. "Was he a tall man?"

"Yes, yes!" shouted his friend.

"Don't get so excited," cautioned Pedro. "Did he have on a brown suit?"

"And did he have a big mustache?"

"Yes, yes!"

"Oh, that's Emmanuel. He make love to everybody."

The patient stripped to his waist for the chiropractor, who immediately went to work on him. After vigorously manipulating a few joints, the chiropractor sighed.

"By golly," he said, "it's going to rain."

The patient looked up. "What makes you say that?" he asked.

"Well," shrugged the other, "I can feel it in your bones!"

Inscription on a tombstone: Here lies an atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.

Any man worth his salt will stick up for what he believes right, but it takes a slightly bigger man to acknowledge instantly and without reservation that he is in error.

Lady: "You look strong enough to work and earn a living."

Tramp: "Yes, madam, I know it. And you are beautiful enough to go on the stage, but we both prefer the quiet, happy, home life."

Two Wall Street executives were arguing as to whose office boy was the dumbest.

The first one said, "Mine has them all beat. I'll show you," so he called in his boy and said, "Here, take this nickel, go down and buy a Cadillac."

The other executive called in his boy and said, "Run down to the Country Club, and see if I am there. If I am, send me back to the office to finish my work."

The two messenger boys departed but met outside the offices to compare notes. The first one said, "Look here. How dumb can any boss get? He sends me out to buy a Cadillac with this nickel, and didn't tell me what color."

The other boy said, "My boss sent me down to the Country Club to see if he is there. You know, there was a telephone on his desk. All he had to do was to call the Club and find out for himself."

"Get my bag at once," shouted a doctor to his daughter.

"Why, Dad," asked the daughter, "what's the dither?"

"A fellow just phoned and he can't live without me," exclaimed the doctor, grabbing his hat.

His daughter heaved a vast sigh of relief. "Hold it, Dad," she said quietly. "I think that call was for me."

Smart Alec Tourist – "What's your speed limit?"

Local Native – "Ain't got none! You fellers can't go through here too fast to suit us."

Judge (to the witness): "Was your friend in the habit of talking to himself when he was alone?"

Witness: "To tell you the truth, Your Honor, I never was with him when he was alone."

Customer: "I want an alarm clock that will wake father without arousing the whole family."

Clerk: "I'm sorry; we have only the ordinary kind that will awaken the entire family without disturbing father."

An attorney had a reputation for never losing a personal injury case. His witnesses were always so well rehearsed that they could withstand the most severe cross-examination. But he was finally tripped up by a child who appeared for him in the case of a couple injured at a railroad crossing by a train.

The six-year-old boy appearing as a witness for the attorney, took the stand and was sworn in.

"What is your name?" he was asked by the clerk of the court.

"The gates were up and the whistle wasn't blowing," quickly replied the child, without a moment's hesitation.

Excellent Angora Goat Offering Scheduled for Fredericksburg

RANCHMEN of the Southwest will be presented with one of the choicest offerings of registered Angora goats in the 35 years history of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association sales, according to Pete Gulley, Association Secretary. The annual show and sale which will be held August 5 to 7 inclusive will feature the auction of 219 bucks and 77 does, which is about the top in numbers in the organization's history.

Lem Jones, well known auctioneer of Junction, will assist veteran Pete Gulley, Uvalde, in crying the sale.

This is one of the few organizations in the nation in which sales offerings have been inspected and selected on the ranges of the breeders. This year the breeders' herds of goats have been inspected by Bob Davis of Rio Frio, one of the veteran goatmen of the nation. Mr. Davis inspected the herds of some 40 breeders.

The selection of the 50 top bucks will be the highlight of the first day of the three-day event. The sale committee consists of Authur Davis, J. B. Reagan and Jack Richardson. The show committee, Carlton Godbold, H. R. Sites and Brooks Sweeten.

On the first night of the first day of the event, Miss Donave Davis of Sabinal will be honored as Miss Mohair, Angora Queen of the Universe. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Authur Davis of Sabinal. Miss Marilyn Mittel of Sonora is the reigning queen. Many young ladies and their escorts, representing numerous towns in the Angora goat country, will be present at the coronation event.

The membership meeting of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association will be held Friday night in the Nimitz Hotel. W. S. Orr of Rocksprings, president, will be in charge.

Otho Drake, San Angelo commission man, has purchased for Jack Richardson, Uvalde, 545 mixed blackface lambs from George Van Pelt at $18 per hundred pounds for the ewes and $16 for the muttons.

Also 514 mixed blackface lambs from Oscar Atkinson, Knickerbocker, for $7 per hundred pounds; 621 crossbred Suffolks from Sam Scheuber, Ozona, at $17, and 120 ewe lambs from W. C. Jones, Christoval, at $18.

Mr. Richardson plans to shear the ewe lambs and winter them on the Moss Ranch near Uvalde.

Dink Wardlaw of Del Rio the latter part of July purchased 121 ram lambs from L. F. and Clinton Hodges of Sterling City. The Wardlaw ranches are in fair condition from late June rains and Wardlaw Bros. have been major ram purchasers in private and auction sales this year.

Around 60 head of registered and purebred rams and also 60 head of registered ewes will be consigned to the Columbia sheep sale to be held at the A. H. Murchison Memorial Barn, Menard, August 11th. The consignors will be L. A. Nordan, Seven Eleven Ranch, Boerne; Maurice Bradford & Son, Menard; and Duery Menzies, Menard.

Lem Jones of Junction will auction the sheep, starting at 1:00 P.M. The animals will be on display at the barn two days prior to the sale.

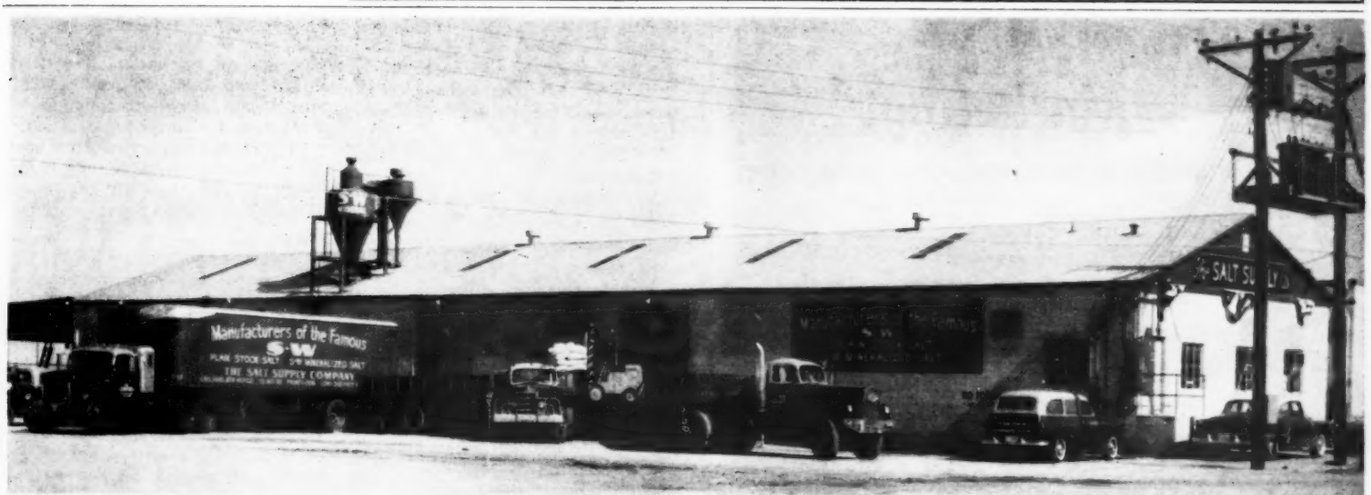
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TWO NATIONALLY known manufacturers of vaccines and other products for the health of livestock and man have announced that Blue Tongue Vaccine is now available for the sheepmen. These firms are Lederle Laboratories and Cutter Laboratories.

The Lederle product is called Blue Tongue Vaccine, while the Cutter product has a trade name "Blucine." Both have been perfected as an outgrowth of work originating in South Africa some years ago and perfected at the University of California at Davis. Much experimental work has been carried on also at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station No. 14 near Sonora.

The vaccines offered the sheepmen are said to be effective in protecting the sheep against the known strain of Blue Tongue prevalent in this area. While some believe several strains of the Blue Tongue virus to exist, the vaccine developed protects against the trouble of the virulent strain affecting sheep of this country.

Sheepmen in areas where Blue Tongue has been known to exist during the past two years are urged to vaccinate by those who have been working with the disease. Where Blue Tongue has been no problem, the authorities declare that no vaccination should be done.

Should doubt exist as to the presence of Blue Tongue in a sheep flock, a veterinarian should be contacted or the authorities of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

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Meeting of Hill Country Chapter Of Woman's Auxiliary

THE HILL Country Chapter of the TS&GRA met in Kerrville at Casa de Lomas on June 25, at 3 P.M.

A very interesting panel discussion on the importance of Wool and Mohair to the Texas Hill Country was presented. Mr. Bill McReynolds of Station WOAI conducted this panel. Other members included Mrs. Clint Brown, Mrs. Felix Real Jr., Mr. Clint Brown, Guy Powell, Jack Taylor and Prentiss Witt.

The meeting was then called to order. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes stood approved as read.

Mrs. Schwethelm called an Advisory Board Meeting at her home on July 12, at 3 P.M.

Mrs. Charles Peril reported on plans for the style show, and stated that the date for the style show was set for 8 P.M., August 29, to be held on the lawn terrace of the Bluebonnet Hotel in Kerrville.

The President gave a report on the Wool and Mohair exhibit at the Kerrville flower show, stating it had received a special award.

Mrs. Oscar Nuenhoffer reported on the state meeting in Alpine.

Mrs. Schwethelm asked that a special publicity chairman for the style show be appointed. Mrs. Felix Real, Jr. made the motion. Mrs. Charles Peril seconded the motion. It was voted on. The vote carried. Mrs. Russell Dickey was appointed as publicity chairman for the style show.

Mrs. Oscar Nuenhoffer stated that she had written the Governor asking that Wool and Mohair Week be designated September 1st through the 4th.

Mrs. Clint Brown invited the Auxiliary to Harper for the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Fred Ball of San Angelo recently sold Ted Harris, San Angelo 14 head of yearling ewes at $18 per head. Mr. Harris sold 500 lambs to Ball at $18 cwt. for top end, and $15 cwt. for feeders. The tops averaged around 90 pounds and the feeders around 75 pounds.

Much of Central Texas which enjoyed bountiful rainfall last year is suffering tremendously from drouth this year. Areas affected particularly are those of Llano, San Saba and adjacent counties.

In Memoriam

(Other In Memoriam on page 35)

OSCAR APPELT

OSCAR APPELT, 74, former Texas ranchman, died in a Colorado Springs hospital, June 7, after an illness of over a year.

Mr. Appelt was a stockholder in the San Angelo National Bank and the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company. In 1906 he purchased a 27,000 acre ranch in Sutton and Edwards Counties which he operated until he moved to Colorado in 1945. Since then he had operated a 130,000 acre ranch near Colorado Springs which he and his son, Oscar Jr. purchased.

Surviving are his wife; the son; a daughter, Mrs. Audrey Mayer; a granddaughter Mrs. Jean Ostrander and a great grandson, all of San Angelo.

D. A. RILEY

D. A. RILEY, 79, Gillespie County ranchman, was killed July 22 when another car collided with his car on the Llano highway.

Mr. Riley was one of the charter members of the Texas Corriedale Sheep Breeders' Association. He was one of the first automobile dealers in Fredericksburg.

Surviving are one son, C. W. Riley of Willow City, and one daughter, Mrs. Roy Kothmann of San Antonio.

HERSCHEL H. REESE

HERSCHEL HANSFORD REESE, 76, Kimble County ranchman, died July 20 at the Sid Peterson Hospital in Kerrville.

Mr. Reese was born in Hamilton, in 1877. He had lived in Kimble County about 60 years.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. W. K. Fisher, Mrs. Junie Simon and Miss E. Reese, all of Junction; one brother, B. B. Reese of San Saba; seven nieces and one nephew.

G. W. ROBERTS

G. W. ROBERTS, 91, died July 19 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Florence Yockey, Fort Stockton. He was born in Fort McKavett in 1863, said to be the second white child born in Menard County. In 1898 he married Miss Eva Parker and the couple ranched in Menard County until they moved to Alpine.

Surviving are seven daughters, Mrs. Florence Yockey, Ft. Stockton; Mrs. Helen Duke, Odessa; Mrs. H. C. Wright, Odessa; Mrs. Fannie Swallow, Ft. Worth, Mrs. H. A. Brashear, San Angelo and Mrs. B. B. Sapp of Penwell; One sister, Mrs. M. S. Whitley, Menard; two half brothers, W. Stiegler, Christoval, and Tom Durnal, Menard; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

SCOTT PETERS

SCOTT PETERS, 61, died in Ozona July 5 as the result of a heart attack which he suffered while a guest in the Floyd Henderson home. Mr. Peters was associated with the Ozona National Bank 30 years, first as a clerk, then as cashier and later as vice-president, which position he held fifteen years.

In 1952 he associated himself with the Arlington First National Bank as executive vice president at its opening. In January, 1954 he was named president of the institution.

Born in Valley Mills in 1893, Mr. Peters moved to Crockett County in 1917. He was with the Ozona Lumber Company until he enlisted in the armed services in 1918. He served in St. Mihiel and the Argonne Forest in World War One.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. William Swearingen of Austin; three sisters, Mrs. Goodson Lester of Tyler, Mrs. Carl Wortham of Valley Mills and Mrs. Martha Tibbs of Dallas; and two brothers, Rollie Peters of Fort Worth and Grady Peters of Stephenville.

J. E. PARKER

J. E. PARKER, 77, pioneer West Texas ranchman, died at his home at Odessa, July 12 after a short illness.

Mr. Parker was born in Princeton, Kentucky, December 6, 1876 and moved with his family to Waco in 1881, where he operated a ranch, was employed in a bank and engaged in the real estate business. He moved to Stiles in 1900 and in 1903 he filed a claim on four sections of school land. In 1907 he moved from Stiles to Andrews. He and Mrs. Stiles were residents of Odessa at time of his death.

Survivors are his wife; three sons, Jackson, Ray and Alvin Parker, all of Odessa; and two daughters, Mrs. Bessie Dolling of Odessa and Miss Mollie Parker, in school at Austin.

'Miss Wool' Selection To Climax San Angelo Wool Fiesta

"THE 1954 'Miss Wool' Contest is the biggest and best yet," said Mrs. S. L. Stumberg, Sr., chairman of the Wool Promotion Committee of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Woman's Auxiliary.

Midnight, August 1, was the deadline for entries into the contest. "Miss Wool" headquarters reported entries from all over Texas. Entrants had to be between the ages of 18 and 25, inclusive, residents of the state of Texas, wear a size 12, and be at least 5 feet 5 inches without shoes. In addition, the applicants had to be "willing and able to meet people."

The new "Miss Wool" will be crowned as a climax to the Annual Wool Fashion Review and Fiesta to be held September 2 - 4 in San Angelo. The main award will be an $8,000 all-wool wardrobe. In addition, "Miss Wool" will be given an all-expense-paid tour of the style centers of the United States.

All pictures of entrants have been forwarded to John Robert Powers in New York for selection of the eleven finalists in the contest. The finalists will be guests of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association for the entire Wool Fiesta, with their expenses paid while here. At that time they will model the latest wool creations.



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Texas Delaine News

By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

THE CONTINUED hot, dry weather is most discouraging to everyone. The fast vanishing herds of cattle and flocks of sheep are still being whittled down to even smaller numbers. It seems there is a new problem in Central Texas besides no grass — water. Places that have long been known to have an endless water supply are either dry or in such dire circumstances that stock is being sold off. There is one thing that is very evident to people traveling around. It isn't hard to tell the places that have practiced conservation of soil and water.

New members are always welcome in the Association. It is with pleasure we welcome Ralph D. Pfluger of Buda and James Blackwell, Sr. and Jr., of Jarrell. Pfluger purchased ewes from J. W. Price of Bertram and a stud ram from Hudson Glimp. The Blackwells purchased ewes from G. A. Glimp.

Ellis Ellebracht of Harper has added to his flock of good Delaines, and his flock is thriving despite the hot, dry weather. Ellis is another whose feeding ability has long been recognized, and his entries in future shows will bear watching.

O. R. Gunn of Lometa has sold out of rams, and has placed a number of good ewe lambs to the Club boys of Goldthwaite and Lometa. We will be having future news of these sales as the Junior breeders shows promise to be the best this year.

The extreme weather conditions hampered the recent ram and billie sale sponsored by the Gillespie County registered breeders. Some choice animals were offered and sold. E. J. Fritz, chairman, and a registered Delaine breeder, is one of those fortunate persons who sold out early. He said one thing of particular interest was his best sold first.

The Annual Gillespie County Fair will find many of our Delaine breeders exhibiting perhaps the largest number of animals this year. Many of them will be club boys and girls, and for some of them their first time to exhibit there. This should be a very interesting show and don't forget to be on hand for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Choat and son, Jerry, have returned from a trip inot Kentucky. The Choats are among those fortunate people who had rain at the right time, and are still pinching themselves to see how it feels to have granaries filled once more. They still like Texas best and are convinced there is nowhere you can find such variation. The Delaines on Choats' ranch are thriving under such conditions, and they, too, will be on exhibition at the various future shows.

CLASSEN TELLS REASON DOG LAW IS NEEDED

AT MY suggestion, the Predatory Animal Committee of Texas Sheep and Goat Raisres' Association at Alpine went on record as favoring a state law prohibiting trespassing with dogs. This suggestion was later incorporated in a resolution and adopted by the general membership.

It is hard to get people who live in the "wide open spaces" to realize that we have no law prohibiting trespassing with dogs, but to the small stockraisers who operate close to a town or city, this fact becomes very apparent the first time dogs kill some of their sheep or goats. The old custom of shooting all stray dogs on sight might end up in paying prize-winning prices for what we thought were our dogs. So, we don't dare shoot them anymore and if they kill or damage our livestock, the only recourse we have is to sue for damages. This, of course, means hiring an attorney and proving that a certain dog killed a certain sheep at a certain time or a certain place, etc., which sometimes is hard to do even though we know it to be a fact.

The usefulness of dogs in controlling predators has, with very few exceptions, become outmoded, because faster and better means have been devised. So, why should dogs be allowed to roam our pastures AT ANY TIME? They are always a potential threat to our livestock and until we have laws prohibiting trespassing with dogs, the man who produces for a living is always at a disadvantage as he has to prove his loss by a certain dog before he can recover losses.

It has been suggested that dogs be controlled by local option. Where dogs are a nuisance, especially around towns and cities, dog lovers will outvote the producer. Therefore, a state law is the only remedy. We could have more sheep and goats surrounding our cities and also in South and East Texas which would substantially increase the income of farming people if we had adequate dog laws.

We need a law prohibiting trespassing dogs so we can stop them before they do any damage and relieve the farmer of worry every time he hears a dog bark. Why the "fun loving dog man" who loves to hear his dogs howl should be privileged to overrun the land of a producer who is trying to make a living through hard work is hard for me to understand.

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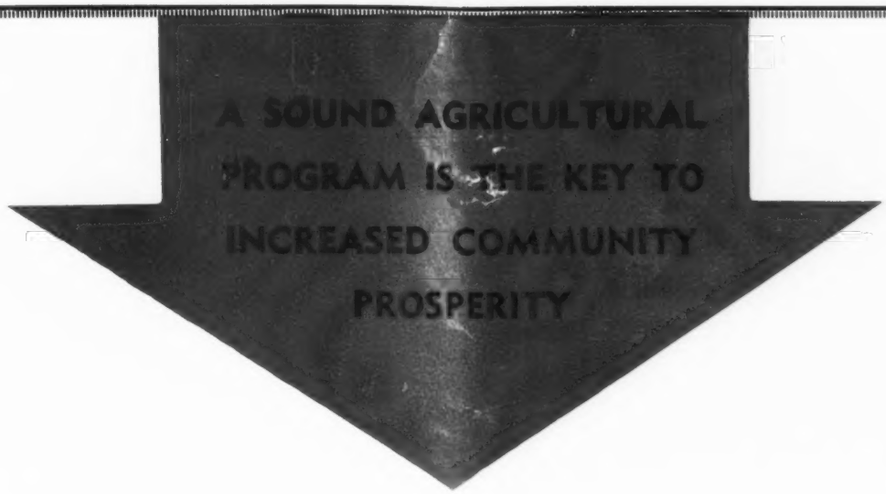
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